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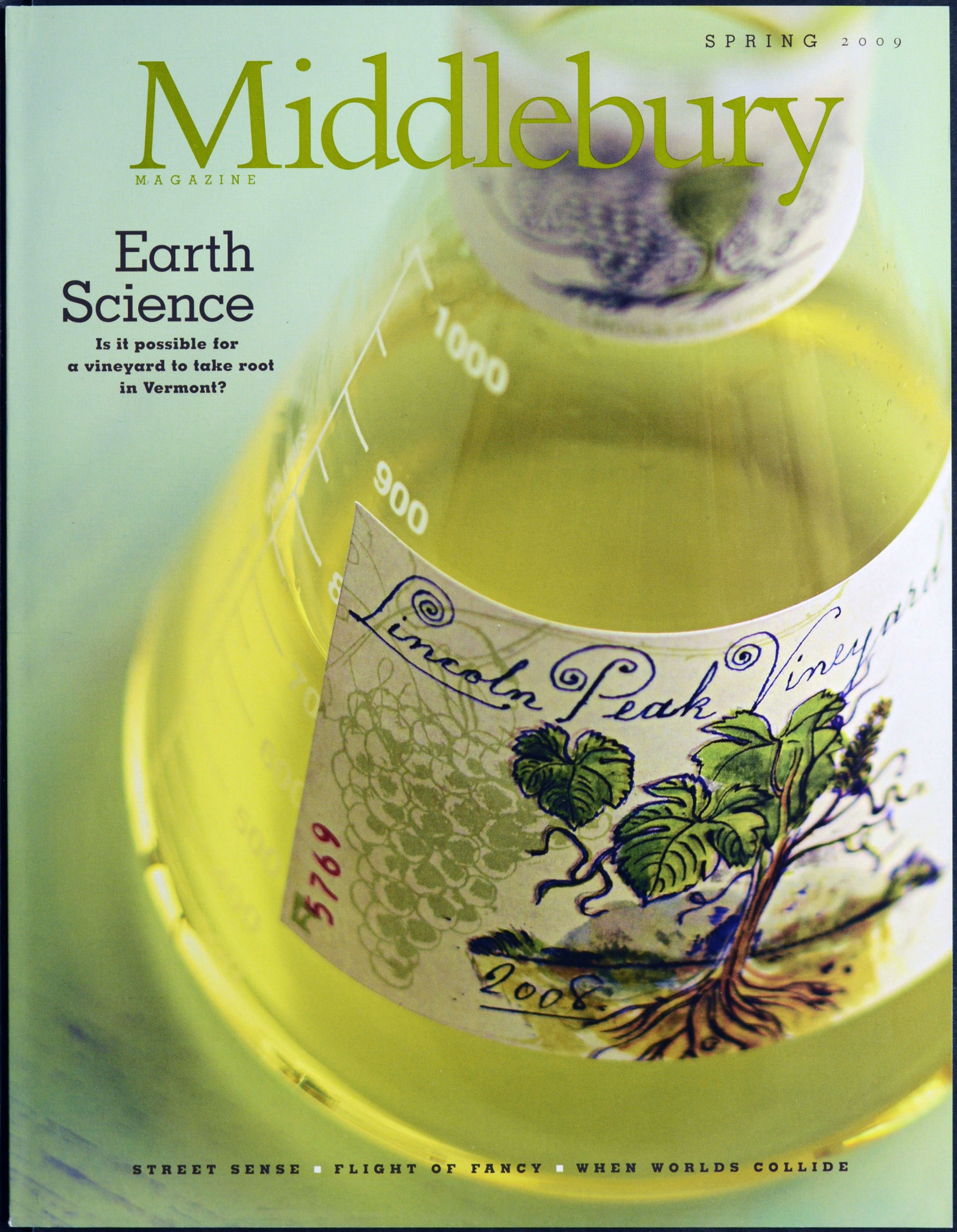

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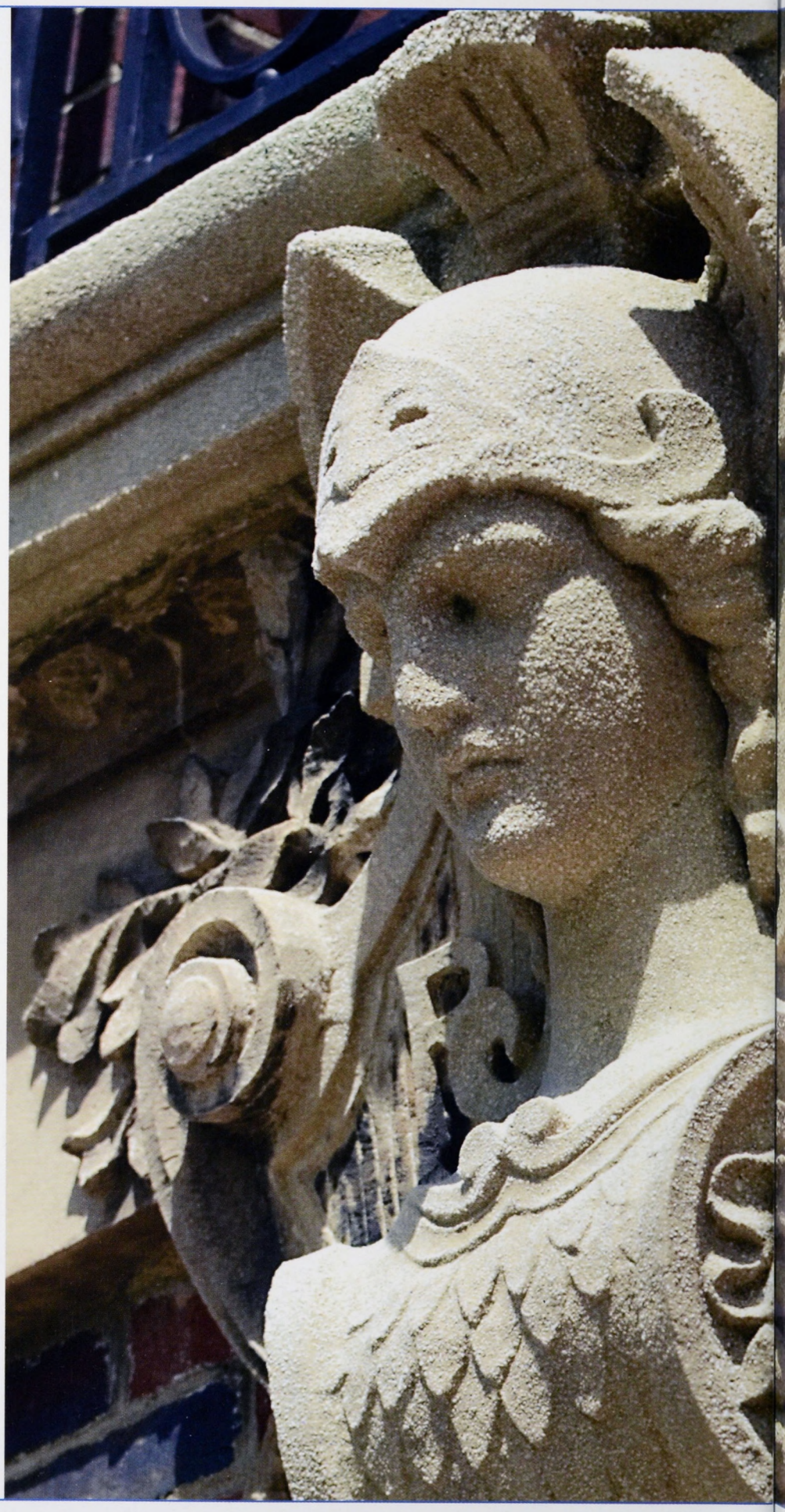

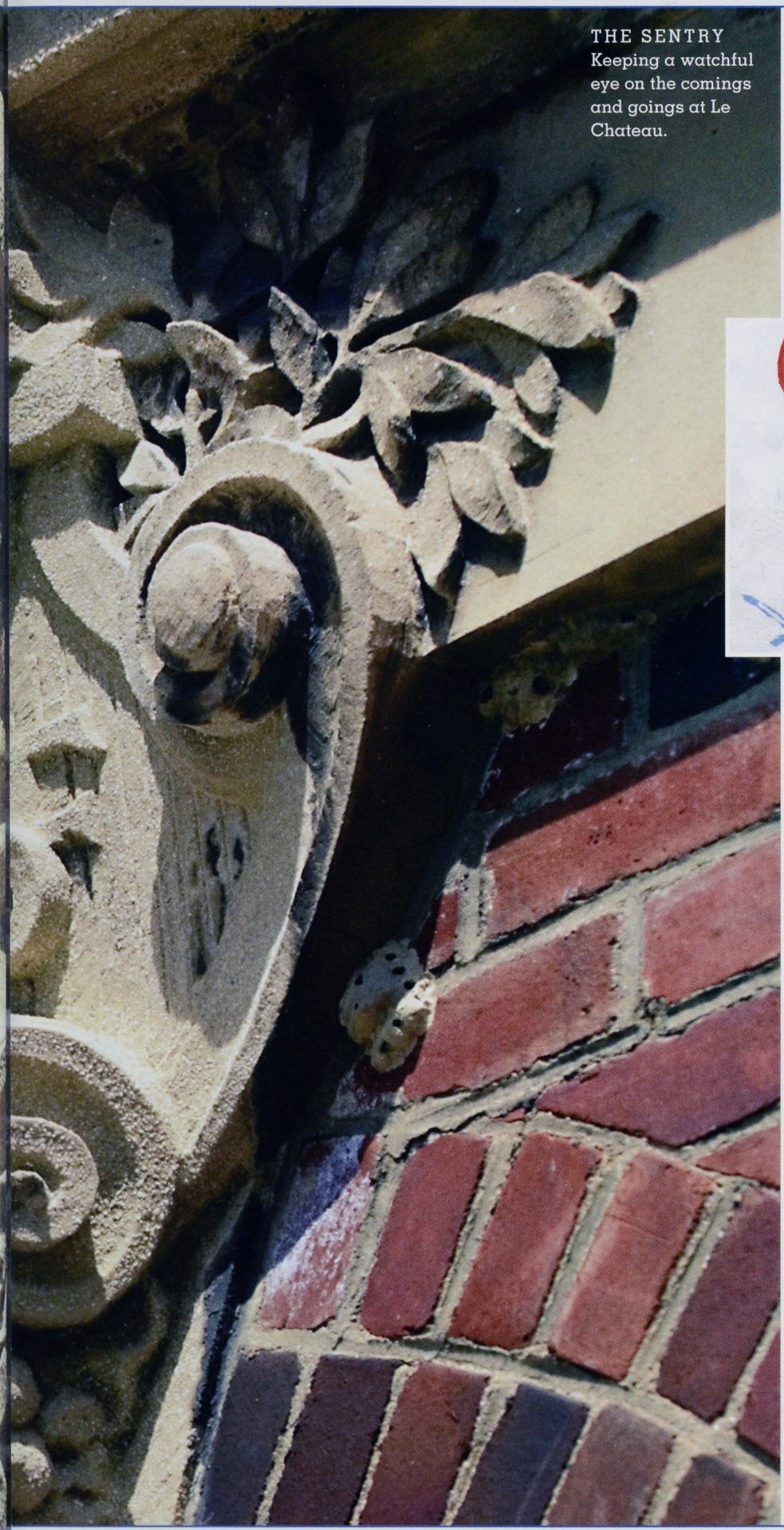

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An adventure in culinary judging.

Every other year or so, I'm asked by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) to serve as a judge in the organization's annual competition for excellence in communications at colleges and universities. It's something I enjoy doing, and I feel comfortable filling that role because I'm relatively familiar with the field. And though I do this somewhat regularly, the CASE judging is the only judging I've ever been asked to do. That is, until a few weeks ago.

I had heard of the Food Network program *Iron Chef America* (though I had never seen it). One day I got an e-mail from Cook Commons's Sarah Buck '10 asking if I'd be willing to sit on a panel of judges for Middlebury's version of the culinary cook-off.

I like to eat, I thought, so sure, "I'll do it," I told her. "Great," she replied. "See you at Ross Dining Hall tomorrow night at 9:30." Now, a couple of things jumped out at me. I normally go to bed around 9:30 or 10:00; we wouldn't be getting *started* until around then, and I was told that the event would probably last two hours. And then there was the matter of it occurring the next day. I bet I wasn't their top choice, I thought. (Indeed, I overheard Sarah telling someone the next night that they tried *everyone* they could think of for the final spot.) Oh, well. How hard could it be?

So the next night I showed up at Ross and quickly discovered that this was a bigger deal than I had thought. Rows of chairs had been arranged to face the judges' table, which was flanked by a pair of tall video screens that would be displaying live feeds from two hand-held cameras. Behind the tables, in their respective prep areas, were the culinary teams from Ross and Cook Commons. Each team had a head chef and a pair of sous chefs who would be concocting multiple courses. The twist was that each team had been given a list of three possible secret ingredients and had to plan accordingly.

At 9:30 I met my fellow judges—Rachel Schiffer '06; Patricia Zupan, the C. A. Dana Professor of Italian and Cook Commons Faculty Head; and Alex Glaser '09, the president of KDP—and then the secret ingredients were revealed: local cheeses and an assortment of dried fruit. The competition was on.

And here was the difficult part, at least for me. The teams had one hour to conceive and create their meals, which left one hour of time to fill. So the commentator—Wonnacott Commons CRA Josh Chan '08, decked out in a custom-made tuxedo—turned to the panel of "experts" to entertain the audience.

"So," he asked, "why don't you tell us what you are smelling. What are you anticipating?"

All I could smell was my own fear, especially after hearing Schiffer and Zupan lead off. They spoke authoritatively—of florets and aromas and anticipation of dates commingling with blue cheese. When it was my turn, I think I said, "I smell burning garlic." The last judge chosen, indeed.

No matter—it was all worth it when the courses were served. Ross dished up zucchini and cucumber soup, risotto, and a strawberry tart. Cook countered with a crostini topped with dates, a balsamic reduction, cilantro, and goat cheese; a baby green salad; roasted pork tenderloin with garlic and chèvre mashed potatoes; and a baked apple and cheese plate for dessert.

Cook was the unanimous winner, though we also unanimously agreed that Ross created the best dish of the night (the soup). And at around midnight, I left Ross Dining Hall, in awe of my fellow judges and the student chefs. And happily full. —*MJ*

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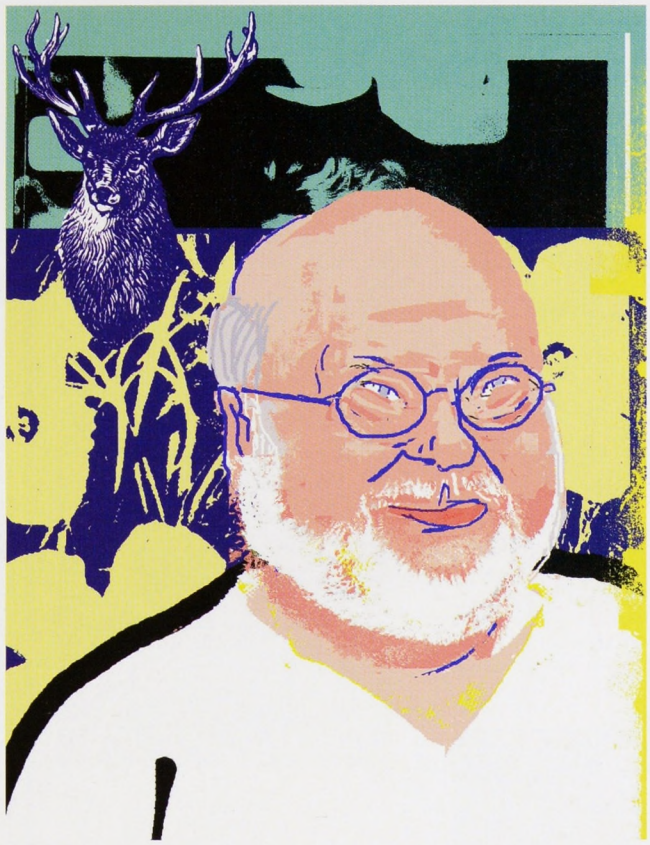
The Joys of Hunisak

Like Jeffrey Lott '73 ("In Plain Sight," winter 2009), I too learned to make carbonara, as well as beef Wellington, turkey stuffing, and straciatella in John Hunisak's tiny apartment kitchen next door to the old science building. Although John taught me the joys of Bernini, I use the lessons he taught in the kitchen more frequently. I often have students in my kitchen these days and pass on the knowledge, but somehow the gatherings don't seem to measure up to my memories. Perhaps it's because, unlike John, I can't sing along with Verdi as I stir the roux.

Greg Moore '76
Lexington, Kentucky



CHEF JOHN
Apparently, Jeff Lott '73 was not alone in enjoying John Hunisak's culinary creativity. It seems like the history of art and architecture professor might want to consider offering a cooking workshop next winter term.

Statement of Standards

I groaned painfully when I got to the sentence "So she set up meetings with whomever would listen" in the story "Dish Network" in the winter issue.

Fowler would call this error a misguided attempt to appear erudite when one is unsure of his English grammar. When in doubt as to the choice between who and whom, we may be inclined to choose the more awkward sounding word. We learned in the third grade that "correct" English often was not our normal speech. (Don't say, "It's me," say "It is I.") However, sometimes our normal speech really is "correct." I think anyone talking at home would say "with whoever would listen," if he wasn't trying too hard to sound learned.

While we are on the subject of grammar, I would question the final sentence in the same article: "But we can affect change." I think, perhaps, the word intended is "effect." "Affect" means to have an effect upon, whereas "effect" as a verb means to bring to pass, or accomplish.

Middlebury is famous for its foreign language schools; let's keep English up to that same standard.

Daniel Daniels, M.A. French '94
Beaufort, South Carolina

Editors' Note: The author of the piece in question chuckled at the notion that he was "trying too hard to sound erudite." No one had ever said that of him before. He explains that he chose "whomever" because he saw it as the object of the sentence ("she" being the subject), which would clearly call for the use of "whomever." Of course, the additional "would listen" at the end of the sentence is tricky. That would make the word the subject of "would listen" and would thus necessitate the use of "whoever." So, we'll admit to the error, but will maintain that the mistake wasn't due to an attempt to sound learned! As for, "affect"—yep, you're right. It was a mistake. Now we should add that there was a mistake in the letter itself—one of those pesky its/it's usages, but we'll chalk it up to being a typo and will let it slide. :)

The Case of the Missing Dishes

Reading Matt Jennings's piece on the student effort to track down missing dining hall dishes ("Dish Network," winter 2009) jogged loose a story from my college days. This happened more than 35 years ago, so I believe that the statute of limitations is up, and it is now safe to tell this story.

There was a terrible shortage of coffee mugs and, to a lesser extent, plates, serving trays, and bowls that year, 1974. The College was at the point of rationing the mugs. Stories of this increasingly desperate situation ran in the *Campus*.

After a dinner date in one of the fraternities, a female member of the Student Council apparently decided the the houses had been "stealing" many mugs and other chinaware. She secretly organized a dark-of-the-night raid by well-intentioned Student Council members and other sympathizers to recover them. Nothing was locked up, so in the morning, no mugs or College-owned plates were left in the fraternity houses. And we had all slept through the raid.

I recall that a great victory was announced by the Council in the *Campus*, followed by the usual proclamations, letters, etc, that called for the abolishment of "these obsolete houses of sin and depravity."

I was president of Sig Ep at the time, and a house meeting was called. The

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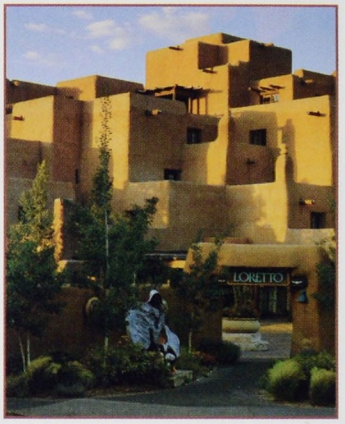

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same event happened in the other houses. "What to do?" we asked.

The following discussions took place.

First, we reasoned, "the College was requiring that off-campus residents—including fraternity members—pay a partial subsidy to the dining halls." They rebated some, but not all, of the "comprehensive fee" when a student lived off campus.

Our first conclusion, logically, was, "They can't steal back our mugs. We paid for them!" (Or at least our parents did.)

Next, we asked ourselves, "How did we originally get them?" We had not actually "stolen" any of the mugs as the *Campus* suggested. We picked them up where other students left them—on the patio in front of Proctor or on the lawn by the Chapel. And, we contended, we had repurposed them from apparent litter.

So, we concluded that we had performed a useful service for the College by continually cleaning up the ongoing mess other students left behind. Therefore, our reward for this and for our dining hall subsidy money should be our own meager supply to make up for those broken in food fights or whatever.

If anyone had stolen anything and acted poorly, we felt it was the Student Council. Had they asked us first, we would have likely given them back. They were the villains!

"How can we rectify this injustice and trump the Council?" we asked.

Each of us had lived in the dorms for at least one year before moving into the fraternity. And we all had walked back to our rooms on cold days with a mug of coffee or hot chocolate. Many of us had used these unreturned mugs for pencil or toothbrush holders, while others had used them to grow plants, perform science experiments, or whatever. We had also seen many of them piled outside dorm rooms at the start of summer break.

To us, the Student Council appeared lazy and had let its prejudices outweigh logic by using the fraternity houses as scapegoats. The solution for us was simple. The dorms had far more missing mugs and plates lying around than all of the fraternities put together!

So we immediately formed the "Student Mug Return Committee" to capitalize on the mug hysteria. Then we headed out with pillowcases. We marched down the halls of the freshmen dorms and announced, "Mug Return Committee, Mug Return Committee," and the residents dutifully began placing mugs, trays, bowls, outside their rooms for us to pickup.

I can safely say today that Sig Ep obtained enough of these supplies to last for several years. We also kept them locked up from the roving Council squads who continued to declare victory in the mug wars after it finally dawned on them that there were also mugs in the dorms a week or so after our raids were finished. They never knew we had preceded them or that we had fully restocked our supplies to a far greater level than before.

I managed to safely graduate at the end of January.

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The Greatest Generation

I FIND THE "WAR STORIES" (Class Notes, fall 2008) so interesting. (My nephew graduated in 1998, which explains why I was reading his copy of *Middlebury Magazine*.)

I worked with a man who was a Japanese prisoner of war for two years in the South Pacific. Lt. Col. José Holguin relived his prison life daily until his death in 1992. Many of his conversations were sprinkled with details of himself as a 23-year-old U.S. Army Air Corps tail gunner, the survivor of a B-17 Flying Fortress crew shot down during a bombing run over Papua New Guinea on June 26, 1943. Because the Japanese could interpret the drum signals of a nearby village, José was eventually caught and put in prison in Rabaul, East New Britain. As a prisoner, he experienced many atrocities such as malaria experiments and other trials. After the war and after many years, he returned to the island and located the downed plane in the jungle. Somehow the remains of some of the crew were eventually identified and relatives were notified. Most were happy to receive the news and brought home their airmen. José flew all over the country attending the funerals held. To top it off, many years after the war, José visited the prison commander at his home in Japan and the commander visited José in Los Angeles one summer. Can you believe it? As a civilian, José worked as a secondary school administrator with the L.A. City Schools. He wrote a 100-page book about his experiences—it was optioned for a film that never materialized.

I'm glad you are printing these stories. There are so many stories that will not be written because no one took the time to put them together.

Jean Wahlstrom
Chatsworth, California

The Value of Discomfort

I FIND IT INCREDIBLE that anyone would leave out Marx's *Manifesto* or treat it in a summary way in any course on the history of economic thought (Letters, winter 2009). Marx's ideas loom too high over the intellectual and political life of the 19th and 20th centuries. His influence was enormous, and he deserves to be more than a footnote.

The Manifesto is not a long document. Why not have the students read it and come to their own conclusions, rather than simply telling them about it—i.e., indoctrinating them?

Some of Marx's thought is dated, but is all of it? The disparity in income and wealth between the richest among us and the rest is the greatest among the industrialized nations. The same can be said of the ratio between the remuneration of many CEOs and that of their average worker. Is the concept of "class warfare" dated, or is it something we don't want to talk about?

Edward Rossmann, M.A. French '64
Aurora, New York

And The Value of Critical Thought

WHY READ MARX? (Letters, winter 2009)

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An avid pilot as well as a successful businessman, Axinn early on learned, whenever the muse appeared, to pause and jot down his feelings, impressions, and thoughts, later to be elaborated on or fleshed out into full works. "Here is a man," wrote **Jay Parini** in his introduction to the present volume, "who has looked at the world from many angles... with a sense of gathering wisdom... The stamp of individuality – the personal voice of the poet, lives on every page."

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To say that a student reading the works of Marx or the theories of the Creationists and understanding their propositions is valueless or a waste of time misses the point and purpose of education and critical thinking.

An open but critical mind exposed to works of various authors can only result in a greater ability to avoid the errors of the past. Indeed, it is essential for understanding the world as it is today.

Charles Johnson
Indianapolis, Indiana

The Value of Critical Thought, Part Two

I KNOW THAT MY LIFE WAS CHANGED FOR THE BETTER by my Middlebury education. Among other things it opened my mind to the value of thinking for myself rather than simply accepting what others told me. Perhaps the best example of how my Midd education changed me took place in Professor Pardon Tillinghast's course in European history. At some point during the class we were discussing the Reformation and Professor Tillinghast announced that there would be a debate in class focusing on Martin Luther's criticisms of the Catholic Church. To my surprise Professor Tillinghast announced that I would argue Luther's side of the debate. I am not sure how he knew that I was, and am, a Catholic, but I suspect that with middle names of Gerard, Francis, and Patrick he had a pretty good idea. Coming from a parochial school background where I was taught that no one had the right "to teach error," I was, to say the least, nervous about defending Luther. I did it, however, and I guess I didn't do too poorly because I passed the course. Much more importantly, I began

to see that there might be something to be said for Luther's concerns.

This lengthy remembrance is offered because I was astonished by letters in the last two issues of this magazine from George H. Schirtzinger and Evan Hoobchaak lamenting that Professor Tim Spears had recommended that students read the *Communist Manifesto*. Both letter writers objected to such an assignment because Marx was wrong and his thoughts had inflicted great harm on the world. I, like Mr. Schirtzinger, have "been a few places, done a few things and read a little history" and so I am fairly certain that I recognize calls for censorship when I read them. I also have come to the conclusion that Professor Tillinghast's approach to a liberal arts education is far better than that of those who would forbid the "teaching of error." Finally, it does seem ironic that both writers concluded their letters with a reference to the possibility of withholding money from Midd. How Marxist.

Wayne G. Reilly '57
Roanoke, Virginia

In Praise of Marxism

In reading Evan Hoobchaak's letter to the editor in *Middlebury Magazine* (Letters, winter 2009), I was struck by the fact that his assumptions about being able to learn anything from a reading of Karl Marx rests on impressions he received as a student at Middlebury. He might be surprised to learn that old Karl is taught in most universities around the world including our most prestigious universities here in the United States.

I left Middlebury in the year 1958 with a degree in philosophy. I went on to study law and graduated from New York University Law School with a Juris Doctor. Like young Mr. Hoobchaak, Middlebury passed over Marx with a rush when I passed through its portals. I believe it relates to his last sentence in his letter (the sentence about alienating alumni and their contributions more than it relates to the quality of a Middlebury education).

I went on to administer large aid programs in Latin America in both Central and South America. This led me to reassess much that I had learned while at Middlebury. I taught school in Costa Rica. I ran aid programs in the inner city of New York. I discovered it was very difficult to interpret what our media said about the governance of the world systems and the reality I experienced. Finally I returned to the profession I trained for and started defending the poor within our own society.

My boss in my first job with Pine Tree Legal was a Marxist. He had a very

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large library, and he shared it willingly. Since I was defending the poor, the reading of Marx proved both exciting and new. It led me to pick up the works of old Karl and try and get a handle on what he had to say. What he had to say, of course, was explaining the puzzle on how capitalism works. That is why institutions that defend capitalism never allow the reading of his works. They hire professors who will tell you it is not worthwhile to read him. After reading Paul Sweezy's essay "Monopoly Capitalism," I called Paul and asked if I could meet him. He was the young economist at Harvard that Joseph A. Schumpeter defended when Paul's tenure at that institution was up for grabs. Harvard did not grant Sweezy tenure, so Sweezy went out and created one of the enduring Marxist journals of that time and today. Sweezy invited me to drop in to the offices of *Monthly Review* when I passed through New York City. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of the giants on American Marxism as a result of that invitation.

Young man, I can only say this: If you want to understand what anyone has to say, read it for yourself. After my tenure at Pine Tree Legal, I went on to head up Student Legal Services at the University of Maine at Orono. There, I was instrumental in helping create Marxist study groups that consisted of both graduate students and university professors. Right now at that university there is a Marxist group that makes presentations periodically throughout the academic year.

Actually, I believe Middlebury is incompetent in providing any student a decent education unless they have at least four Marxist professors on the campus who can devise and present a well-rounded alternative to capitalist economic development. I have been raising this concern with Middlebury for the past 19 years. Marxism says that capitalism is inherently destabilizing. Do the times suggest this?

Russ Christensen '58
West Farmington, Maine

Vision Statement

IN CHOOSING BACKGROUND COLORS and font sizes and font colors, could you please be more cognizant of your older readers who may not have the visual acuity of your younger audience?

Norman Abend, P '77, 78, 80, GP '06
Wayland, Massachusetts

Editors' Note: Mr. Abend's later was written on orange construction paper—with what appears to have been an orange artist's pencil. Points for creativity, Mr. Abend.

downtown Middlebury

An Admirable Review—and Moment

Noted Midd alum Felix Rohatyn's latest book is reviewed in the March 21, 2009 issue of *The Economist*. The review ends with the following vignette: " . . . in 1946, he [i.e., Rohatyn] was nearly forced to leave his college fraternity for being Jewish. Two army veterans kicked out the fraternity representatives with the admonition that they had not fought the Nazis to see racial laws enacted at home." The college was Middlebury, the fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi. The root problem was that Alpha Sigma Phi, a national fraternity, had a "white Christian" clause. The veterans felt that if Jews and African-Americans were good enough to wear the uniform and defend the country, they were good enough to join the fraternity. So they resigned from the national, the Phi was changed to Psi, and Alpha Sigma Psi (aka "SLUG") was reborn as a local fraternity without the offensive membership restrictions.

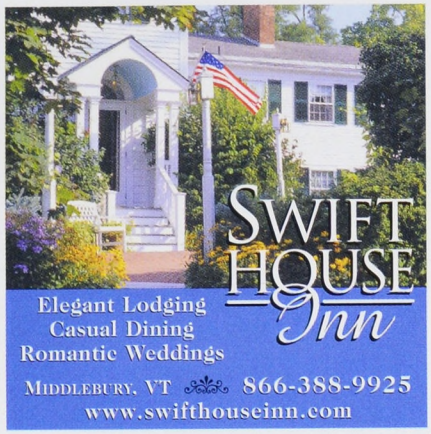
I was told this story in 1957, as a freshman pledge of Alpha Sigma Psi, and found it moving and impressive. I still do, and was delighted to have my memory refreshed in such an unexpected way. I was initially, and remain, a wholehearted supporter of Midd's 1990 decision to ban fraternities. But this story seems to me a thoroughly admirable piece of the history of my fraternity—and of Middlebury College.

David J. Klock '60
Wallingford, Vermont

Editors' Note: The magazine will be covering Mr. Rohatyn's book in a future issue.

Location, Location

In writing of his previous work at Sidwell Friends ("Of Loss—and Hope," winter 2009), the editor described the school as "the Washington, D.C., Quaker school where the Obama girls are enrolled." A correction, possibly closer to a modification, is in order. Sasha Obama is in second grade, attending Sidwell's elementary school in Bethesda, Maryland. Malia Obama is in the fifth grade, attending SFS's middle school in D.C.



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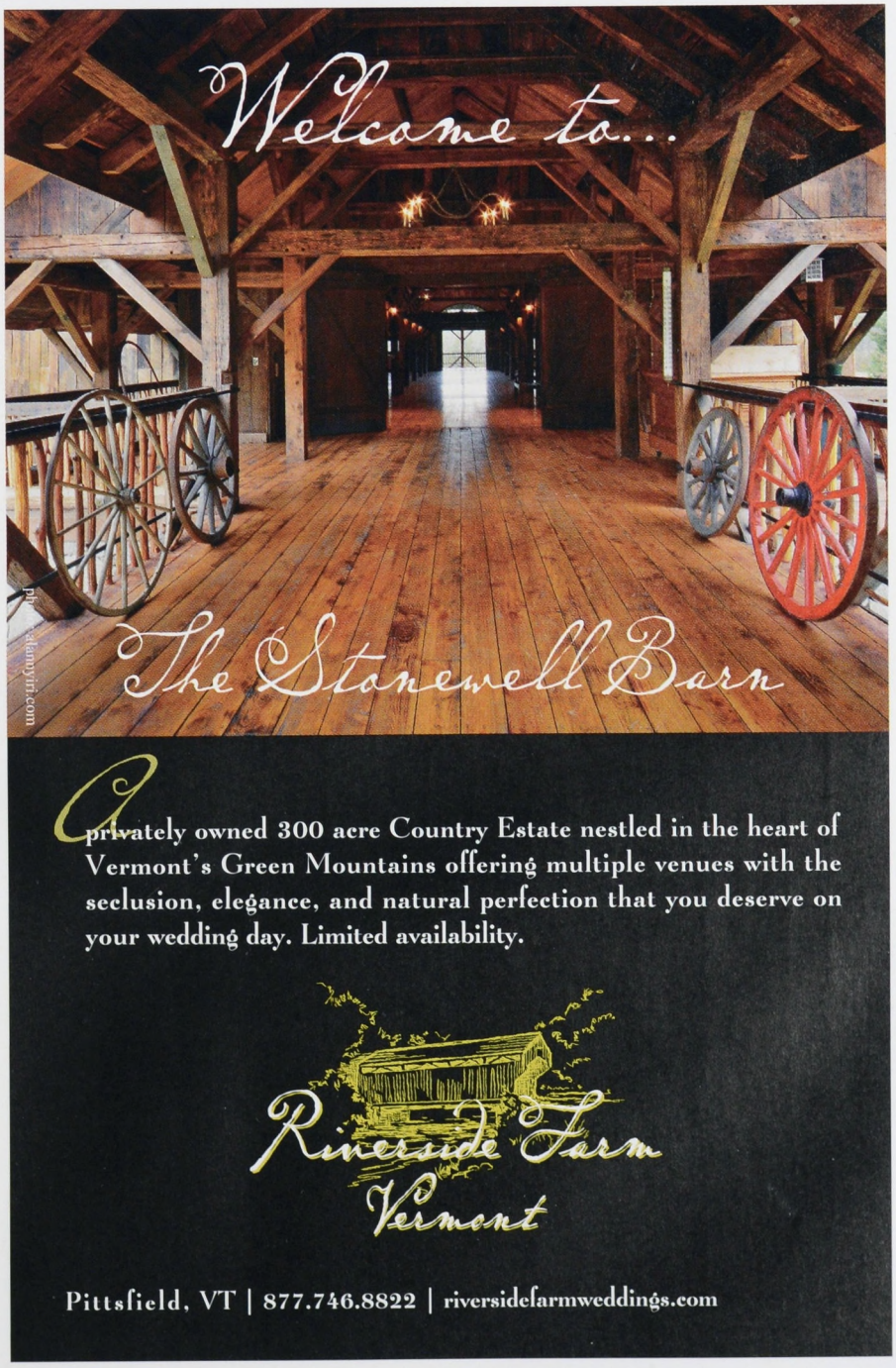
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Sidwell Friends, a nonprofit governed by a board of trustees, has two sites. By distinguishing the facts of these two schools, you can assist readers in tracing First Family news.

Closing with a digression: thanks for reviewing David Wolman's linguistic discoveries ("Spell Check," winter 2009) in the 12 years since his Middlebury graduation.

Katherine Teetor
Middlebury, Vermont

Author, Author?

I'm puzzled at the books listed in the "Faculty Shelf" item in the winter 2009 issue. The titles on the book spines in the illustration—*Anthracite Country*, *Dutch Boys*, *House of Days*—don't match the titles of the books that Jay Parini claims have changed America. What are these books? Who are the authors?

Mike Devlin '64
Lake Placid, New York

Editors' Note: The 13 book titles in the illustration are the titles of books and poetry collections written by Parini, himself. We wish that we were being clever in subtly suggesting that Parini's own work should be included in the discussion, but what really occurred was a miscommunication between the illustrator and the editorial staff. However, we like the idea of that subtle suggestion, so, yes, that's what we were doing. We were being clever . . .

There Were Others, Too

Professor Michael Kraus's opinion (Letters, winter 2009) that the Soviet Union's collapse was "inconceivable at the time" (1984) is belied by Ronald Reagan's assertions in 1982 and 1983:

"What I am describing now is a plan and a hope for the long term—the march of freedom and democracy which will leave Marxism-Leninism on the ash-heap of history . . . " (1982)

"I believe that communism is another sad bizarre chapter in human history whose last pages even now are being written." (1983)

Of course, this should in no way detract from General Odom's remarkable achievements; I just wanted to note that President Reagan and General Odom were preceded by George Kennan, Zbigniew Brzesinski, Charles De Gaulle, Konrad Adenauer, Whitaker Chambers, Robert Conquest, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, among others, who predicted, to varying degrees, the Soviet collapse.

Edmund P. Hurley '86
Boston, Massachusetts

From the Editor

In early March, we heard from the vice president of public affairs at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, who was writing to compliment us on our coverage of the economy in the winter 2009 issue. A few weeks later, he wrote to all members of NAICU, alerting communications officials to our coverage. "Maybe this is to become the new international symbol for how we all feel these days: A stark $? takes up the full cover of Middlebury College's winter 2009 magazine, pulling the reader into a special report, 'The Economy: What Does It All Mean?' We recommend it to you as a model of how to tell the story of your college's finances in these uncertain times—comprehensively, with candor and clarity."

He went on to describe our coverage in great detail, before concluding, "There may be a better model than Middlebury in dealing with the difficult issues we all must now address, but if so, we haven't seen it."

Now, it's rare that we engage in such self-congratulatory measures as this note, but we wanted to acknowledge what we believe to be an admirable level of transparency and candor exhibited by College leadership during this tumultuous economic time.

A Belated Correction

In the fall issue, we listed the occupants of the Axinn Center at Starr Library as the Departments of History, Film and Media Culture, and English

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and American Literatures. However, we mistakenly omitted the Program in American Studies. We apologize for the omission.

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Spring Arts Events at Middlebury

May 11-29
42nd Annual Student Exhibition
Showcasing the work of studio art majors
Johnson Memorial Building's Gallery, Pit Space, and Mezzanine

May 20
Middlebury College Community Chorus: A Bouquet of Song
Mead Chapel, 3:00 p.m.

May 21
Pastoral Vermont: The Paintings and Etchings of Luigi Lucioni
Opening reception and gallery talk
Museum of Art, Christian A. Johnson Gallery, 4:30 p.m.

May 21-August 9
Making Sense of Thomas Kinkade
Middlebury College Museum of Art, Overbrook Gallery

June 5
Thomas Kinkade: Marketing a Fantasy
A slide lecture
Mahaney Center for the Arts, Room 221, 4:00 p.m.

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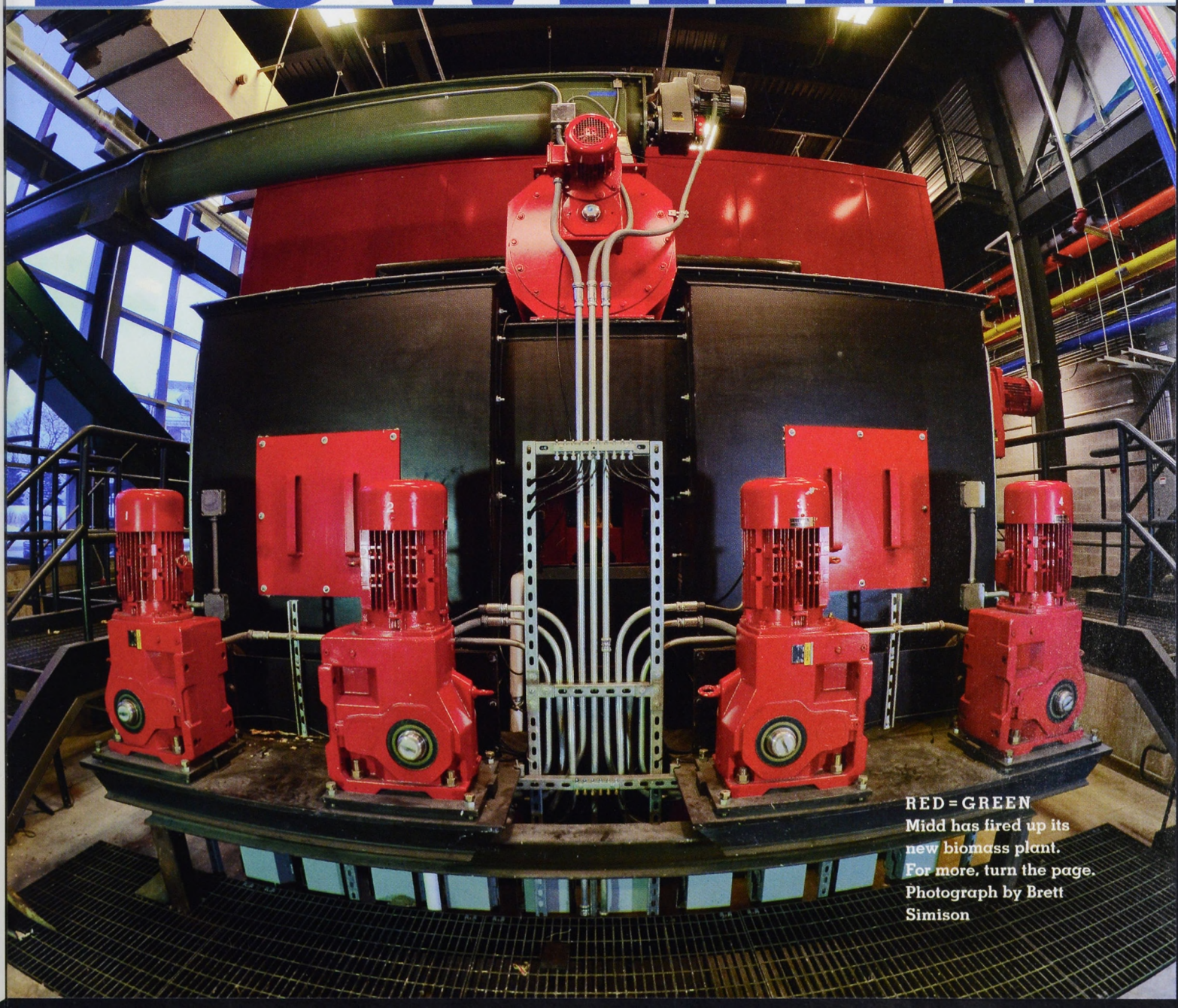


RED = GREEN
Midd has fired up its new biomass plant. For more, turn the page. Photograph by Brett Simison

Think Globally, Heat Locally

Middlebury officially fired up its new biomass gasification plant. Powered by the burning of wood chips, the new plant will both cut the College's consumption of heating oil and reduce Middlebury's total carbon dioxide emissions (see By the Numbers). But how exactly does it work?

HOW IT WORKS

Wood chips enter the Chiptec gasifier, which converts them into gas at 1100° to 1400°.

The gasifier is coupled to a fire-tube boiler that produces 250 psig (pounds per square inch) of steam.

The steam passes through a generator, cogenerating heat and electricity at pressures that plug right into the current infrastructure.

WHAT'S LEFT

Clean, mineral-rich ash suitable for use by a local fertilizer company.

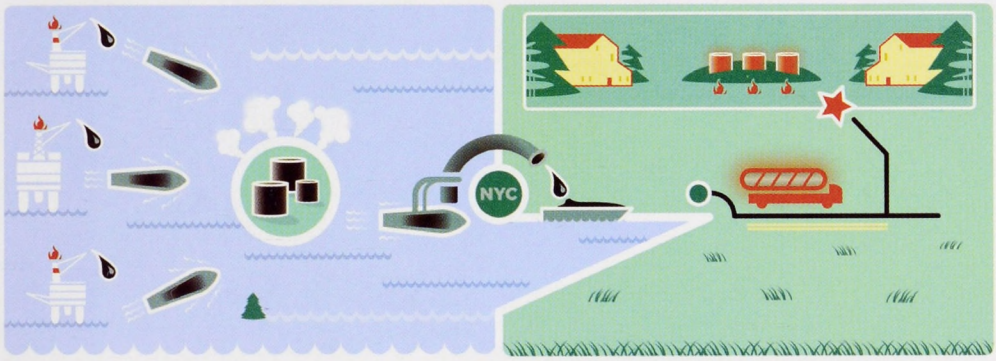
WHAT'S NOT

Acid rain-causing sulfur oxides, found in petroleum but absent from wood.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY CELIA JOHNSON

MAXIMUM DISTANCE TRAVELED BY CHIPS: 75 MILES

MINIMUM DISTANCE TRAVELED BY OIL: 3,771 MILES



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Egypt—6,012 miles

Gulf of Mexico—1,818 miles

→ **St. Croix, VI, Refinery to New York Harbor**

1,697 miles

→ **New York Harbor to Albany, NY**

136 miles

→ **Albany to Middlebury, VT**

120 miles

BY THE NUMBERS

12,500
Metric tons of CO2 saved per year

1,000,000
Gallons of # 6 fuel oil saved per year

99.98
Percent efficiency of exhaust system in removing particulates

40
Percentage cut from Middlebury's total CO2 output

± 300 million
Years needed to replenish petroleum stores

0
Net CO2 emissions

Observed

■ **The Reverend Al Sharpton was on campus** in February, speaking before a large crowd in Mead Chapel. Sharpton, who was brought to the College as part of the Middlebury College Activities Board's annual speaker series, spoke for about 90 minutes, and he urged students to become vocal advocates for change. ■ **Winter Carnival went off without a hitch,** and by all indications, everyone had a good time. It was the 86th such carnival at Middlebury, which makes it the oldest student-run winter carnival in the country. It's also the only carnival to achieve carbon-neutral status. ■ **Sunder Ramaswamy, the new president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies,** announced his leadership team recently. Ramaswamy, who was the Frederick C. Dirks Professor of International Economics at Middlebury before heading west, named Renee Jourdenais, a long-time MIIS faculty leader, as dean of the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation, and Language Education; Yuwei Shi as dean of the Graduate School of International Policy and Management; and Tate Miller as dean of Advising, Career, and Student Services. ■ **A flurry of fascinating speakers hit the campus** during the last week of February and the first week of

continued

The Dream Team

The Middlebury men's hoops team had been NESCAC champions for about, oh, 20 minutes, when Karl Lindholm '67 greeted a colleague and fellow Panther fan by saying, "So, not that bad." Yet as hard as Lindholm, a lifelong New Englander, tried to maintain his Yankee stoicism, he couldn't suppress a smile. It was that kind of afternoon. Middlebury had just knocked off Amherst, 77-68, to capture its first ever NESCAC championship, and the scene in Pepin Gymnasium could best be described as a frenzied blur of exuberance. There was no Jim Valvano moment—head coach Jeff Brown, who would later be named NESCAC Coach of the Year, wasn't running around looking for someone to hug because he was promptly swarmed by his players and coaching staff when the final buzzer sounded. In fact, just about everywhere you looked, someone was hugging someone else—teammates and teammates, a cocaptain and his mom, an assistant coach and his wife—many with tears in their eyes.

The Panthers had recorded their school-record 24th win of the season, a remarkable achievement, Coach Brown would say later, especially considering that the current group of seniors (Kyle Dudley, Ben Rudin, Aaron Smith, and Matt Westman) had suffered through a one-win conference tilt just three years ago, as freshmen.

A week later, Pepin was again at capacity for Middlebury's second-round NCAA matchup against Bridgewater State. A majority of the fans sported white T-shirts, creating a sea-of-white effect in the stands, and for most of the game, folks were on their feet, screaming until they were hoarse. The Panthers led by as many as nine in the first half, then lost the lead only to wrestle it back midway through the second. And from there, it was back and forth, Middlebury's Dudley draining a long three, matched by a three on the other end; the Panthers' burly power forward, Smith, taking a feed in the post and executing a perfect drop step and lay-in, matched by a put-back by the Bears. And then Ben Rudin hit a pull-up jumper, his 24th and 25th points of the game, followed by a three-point play from the angular and agile Jamal Davis '11, and suddenly the Panthers appeared to have a little breathing room.

But it was not to be. A five-point lead with about 30 seconds to play evaporated, erased, finally, on an NBA-length trey from the Bears' Stace Garrick with 11 seconds left. Rudin, the team leader, its heart and soul, had one last look, a pull-up jumper from just above the free-throw line. It was a shot the Panthers wanted, one Rudin had made again and again in his standout career.

Yet the shot fell short and bounced softly off the front rim. A few seconds later, after the final buzzer had signaled the end of the Panthers' magical season, 1,200-plus people were as quiet as a contingent that large could be.

Rudin, though, had one final obligation, a postgame interview with Vermont Public Radio. And in a calm manner that belied the heartbreak he surely must have been feeling, the NESCAC Player of the Year and NABC All-American guard said, "They made two great shots . . . [the shots] were well contested, and he made them. There's nothing you can do about that."

A few days later, on a sleepy Sunday morning downtown, Rudin bumped into one of his biggest fans—a two-year-old who sported a Middlebury #24 jersey to most games. After giving the kid a high five, Rudin was asked by the boy's father how he had maintained his composure in the radio interview. "It wasn't easy," he chuckled. "But there are worse things than losing a [basketball] game."

Photograph by Trent Campbell

Quote/Unquote

"When looking at Middlebury, then-coach Erin Quinn said to me, 'First, make sure this is the right school for you. If you feel that it is, we can then talk about lacrosse.' "

—Dave Campbell '09, in an article for Espn.com on playing sports at the Division III level. Campbell is a starting midfielder on the nationally ranked Panthers.

Go Figure

422
Number of Middlebury students who have studied abroad this year

43
Number of countries in which they have studied

29
Number of students who have studied in China

63
Number of students who have studied in France

16
Number of students who have studied in Egypt

5
Number of students who have studied in Uruguay

64
Percentage of the junior class that studied abroad this year

From the photography exhibit "Recognition," by Angela Evancie '09, which showed at 51 Main this month. Evancie's subject was the behind-the-scenes staff in Middlebury's Dining Services.

Patti McCaffrey, Middlebury, Vermont
Assistant Banquet Chef, Dining Events, 10 years

WRMC's Top 10 What are DJs spinning this spring? Herewith the top 10 albums, as of April 1:

Artist / Album
Of Montreal / Skeletal Lamping
TV on the Radio / Dear Science
Cut Copy / In Ghost Colours
Tobacco / F***ed Up Friends
Mother Mother / O My Heart
Women / Women
Sebastien Tellier / Sexuality
Calvin Harris / I Created Disco
Dr. Dog / Fate
Dear and the Headlights / Drunk Like Bible Times

March. Medical anthropologist Paul Farmer, who was made famous by Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, spoke about health and human rights. Sarah Chayes, a former NPR correspondent, discussed her attempts to help rebuild a shattered Afghanistan. And international activist John Francis delivered the keynote address for the College's annual convocation series. Francis, known around the world as the "Planetwalker," once spent 22 years without using a motorized vehicle after witnessing the effects of an oil spill in San Francisco Bay. ■ **The Middlebury Quidditch Club,** spearheaded by Alex Benepe '09, received honorable mention recognition in the 2009 PR Week Awards, an annual national competition dominated by corporate PR heavyweights. Benepe's group was a finalist in the promotional event of the year category. ■ **Yes, that was Middlebury President Emeritus** John M. McCardell, Jr, on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" in mid-March. McCardell bantered with America's "truthiest" pundit about the presence of alcohol in American culture and his effort to stimulate discussion about the effectiveness of the 21-year-old drinking age. ■ **Gary Hirshberg, chairman, president, and self-described CE-Yo** of the organic yogurt company Stonyfield Farm, has been tapped to deliver the 2009 commencement address.

Field Work

SINCE 2002, BIOLOGY PROFESSOR SALLIE SHELDON and a team of researchers have been studying the effect of fertilization on the salt marshes in Massachusetts's Plum Island Sound. The results of adding nitrogen and phosphorous to the creeks, Sheldon reports, were unexpected. For the first three years, nutrient addition had no effect on anything they measured. But in year four, things changed. "It was as if the marsh was a vessel that became filled up." The marsh plants near margins were sloughing off into the creeks. And in some regions, the marsh had become spongy "for no reason that we understand."

Sheldon and her team have just been awarded a second grant by the National Science Foundation to fertilize the marsh. For the next three summers, they will be sampling algae and snails in the creek, and will be doing caging experiments, caging in or caging out different animal species to see which species are affecting algal growth. They will also extensively map the area to determine where the marsh is becoming spongy and where the marsh surface is cracking off.

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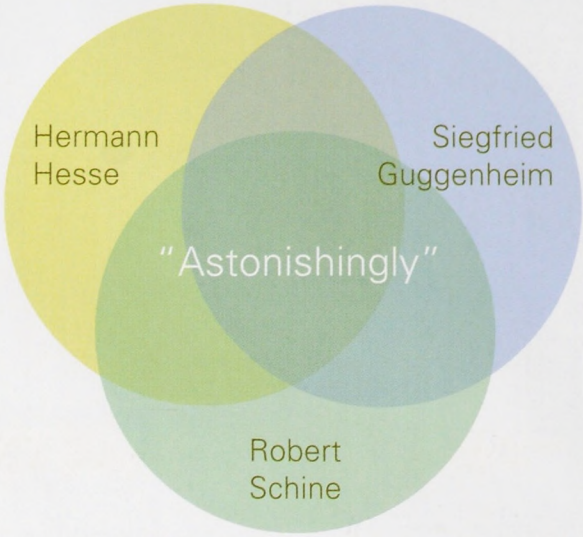
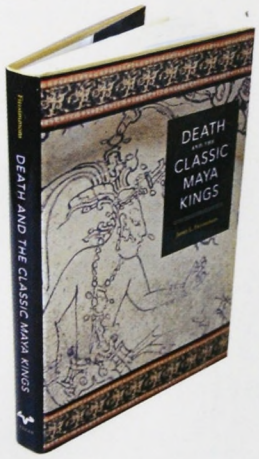


Confluence In a fascinating essay that first appeared in *The New England Review* and has since been translated into Hebrew in the Israeli journal *Yekinton*, religion scholar Robert Schine recounts the correspondence between the German writer Herman Hesse and a noted Jewish art patron, Siegfried Guggenheim—correspondence that ultimately led Hesse to alter the text of one of his books. Alter it, that is, by one word. Schine, the Curt C. and Else Silberman Professor in Jewish Studies at Middlebury, offers an enlightening and thought-provoking account of this decision. The word was "astonishingly," and the title of Schine's essay is " 'The Deleted Word': Implications of an Altered Text by Herman Hesse."

Bookshelf



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—*Patricia A. McAnany, author of* Living with the Ancestors: Kinship and Kingship in Ancient Maya Society, *on James Fitzsimmons's* Death and the Classic Maya King. *Fitzsimmons is an assistant professor of anthropology at Middlebury.*

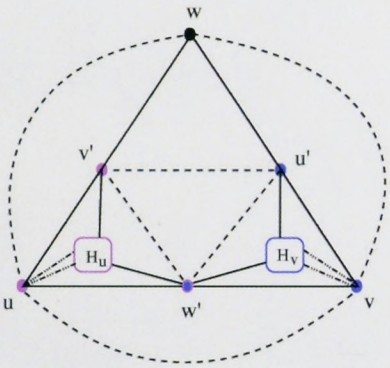
Top 5 The five best Japanese anime films, according to Japanese professor Carole Cavanaugh:

Spirited Away (Miyazaki, 2001)
Grave of the Fireflies (Takahata, 1988)
Akira (Otomo, 1988)
Millennium Actress (Kon, 2001)
Ghost in the Shell (Oshii, 1995)

—Carole Cavanaugh recently received a Japan Foundation Short-Term Fellowship for a study on independent animated films by contemporary artists

Graph Theory

How do power companies know how much electricity to send out to meet the demands of the consumer? Accepting that electricity is lost as it's transported across the electrical grid, how does the power company know how many resource units are sufficient to meet demand?



Well, there's a mathematical formula to help figure this out. Assistant Professor of Mathematics John Schmitt and Anna Blasiak '07 have been investigating graphs that allow for the needs of any consumer to be met regardless of the distribution of the resource and with the minimum amount of resources available.

We're including one such graph. We don't expect you to understand it—we certainly don't—but Schmitt and Blasiak have been getting a lot of recognition from their peers. The duo recently contributed an article to the *Australasian Journal of Combinatorics*.

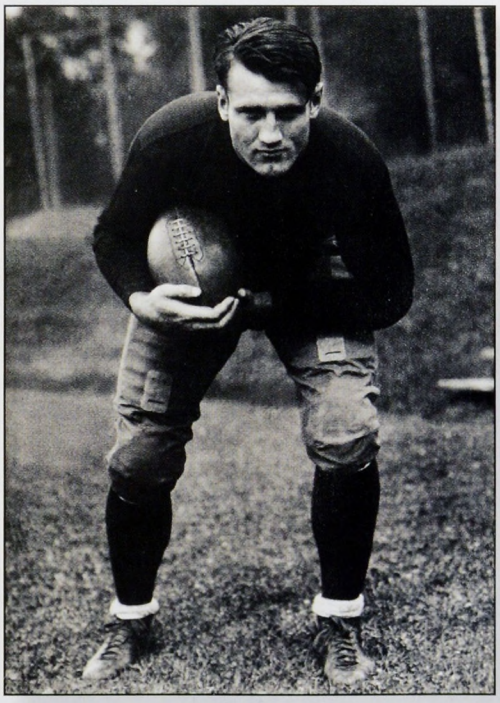
Leatherhead

American Studies Prof. and Acting Provost Tim Spears recently contributed an essay titled "The Plow that Broke the Midway," to *Sports in Chicago*, a volume of stories about athletics in the Windy City. Spears's subject was the legendary Bronko Nagurski.

MM: So, wait, your grandfather discovered Nagurski?
TS: Yes, in the 1920s he recruited him to play football at the University of Minnesota, where my grandfather was the head coach. According to legend, my grandfather was driving through northern Minnesota when he stopped at a farm and asked for directions to Duluth. The young man he asked was plowing a field, without a tractor or horse. And when the youth pointed toward Duluth, he pointed with his plow. That young man was Bronko Nagurski.

MM: This essay is as much about your family and its relationship to football as it is to Nagurski. What role did the sport play in your family?
TS: My grandfather played and coached football (and had a Hall-of-Fame career), my dad was captain of the Yale football team in the early 1950s, and my brother and I also played college football. Football dominated our family history, and over three generations, the game (and sports in general) mediated father-son relationships, guided assumptions about education, and shaped our collective sense of how boys should become men.

MM: You played football at Yale. Helmet to leatherhead, you and Nagurski, who wins in a collision on the gridiron?
TS: In the realm of fantasy, it would be an honor to get run over by Nagurski.



Bronko Nagurski was a collegiate All-American at Minnesota, a professional All-Pro with the Chicago Bears, and a charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Photograph courtesy of Hulton Archive

Arachnophobics Beware

This story contains big, hairy spiders. And they don't like to be told what to do.

By Matt Jennings

The Chilean Rose Hair Tarantula is one nasty looking arachnid.

Classified as a "moderately large" tarantula, it has legs like crooked pipe cleaners, a bulbous abdomen, and a fused thorax and head; covering the whole thing is a coat of reddish fuzz. But what really sends chills up the spine is when the creature decides to go for a stroll. Its eight legs move as if it was being choreographed by Wes Craven, each appendage moving independently from the others, with those on opposite sides of its body alternating steps.

"That unusual creepy walk that freaks so many people out?" says biology professor and neuroscience program director Tom Root to the students in his Animal Behavior course. "That combination of movement is called the gait. That's what we'll be studying." Specifically, the class will be studying the neurobiology of locomotion in an attempt to understand neural decision-making in the tarantulas. Root outlines the basic neural circuitry—brain, nerve cord, interoceptors, exteroceptors—involved in the instantaneous decisions the spider must make as it moves. "The task for a tarantula's brain," he explains, "is to keep its eight legs moving, not in a random way, but in a very specific way." The students' task, then, will be to record a spider's specific gait, indicating which legs move when, first in a controlled situation and then in an experiment that will spatially challenge the creature. Of course, to do so, the students will have to handle the tarantulas, which, not surprisingly, has some folks spooked.

So as 25 men and women look on—with expressions ranging from disgust to fascination—Root begins to explain that there are direct and indirect methods of handling the spiders. Indirectly, one can use a flat substance (cardboard, slate) to scoop a specimen from its terrarium into a Tupperware-like, circular holding chamber. From there, the chamber can be tilted onto its side, and the spider can be coaxed to move along into a "walking chamber," a clear plastic rectangular structure about the size of a shoebox. Once in the walking chamber, the spider can again be coaxed to walk the length of the box; there's not a top on the box, and a pencil or thin watercolor paintbrush can be used to prod the spider. (It usually takes just one poke, Root says.) It's during this stroll that the students videotape the tarantula's gait; later, they'll review the tape to observe and record the order in which the legs moved.

Now, Root says, there is also a direct method of handling a tarantula. All you

HANDLE WITH CARE

If you are going to handle a tarantula directly, biology professor Tom Root says, "allow it to walk onto your hand. You never want to grab it."

has to do is allow it "to walk onto your hand." But, he adds, "you don't want to grab it. Leave the choice up to him." As the students scatter in pairs to their respective workstations in the lab, a few brave souls are willing to go the direct route.

"Oh man, this is so cool; it's barely touching me," says one woman. Next to her, looking a little less confident, a guy is allowing one of the tarantulas to creep onto his

hand. And right then, his lab partner bounces over and announces, "Root says that yes, they are poisonous, but no, they won't kill you. But if you get bitten it will hurt like hell."

"Oh my god. Will someone please take this spider back?"

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Tarantula #10 (let's call him Boris) is not doing what Ian Drummond '09 and John Havel '09 want him to do. Two weeks have passed since Drummond, Havel, and the rest of the animal behavior class conducted their control experiments with the tarantulas—videotaping their gaits, observing said tape, and recording the results. In the interim, the students have been designing experiments that will challenge the spiders in their walking environment. One pair has placed a foamed egg crate in its walking chamber; another has scattered twigs and grass on the floor of its chamber. The purpose is to see if the spiders will adjust their gaits in order to navigate the new terrain.

Drummond and Havel want to see how tarantulas step across gaps—they hypothesize that the spiders' gaits won't change—and to answer their query, they have fashioned a one-and-a-half-inch gap by placing two blocks of wood in the chamber. The blocks have identical heights, so the spider will be walking across a relatively level terrain. The widths are the same, too; there are no gaps between the edge of the wood and the wall. Each block covers about half the length of the walking chamber. Almost, but not quite. And there's that gap, the inch-and-a-half expanse between the blocks.

Boris, though, doesn't want to step across the gap; he finds it easier to just climb down into the space between the two blocks and sit there. Drummond and Havel narrow the gap to one inch.

Down goes Boris.

"Oh, come on," says Drummond.

> **"She's a monster," mutters Drummond. "John, you can do this one."**

"What if we stack two more blocks on top, doubling the height?" Havel suggests. The idea is that the drop would be significant enough that Boris won't have a choice but to step across.

But Boris does have a choice . . . and down into the gap he goes.

They try it a few more times with the same result. "OK," says Drummond, "let's try a new spider."

A few minutes later, spider #24 (we'll call her Natasha for the sake of the narrative) is introduced into the chamber. She spiders along the first block of wood, reaches the gap, begins to stretch a leg across, and then slowly steps . . . down. Into the gap. They try again. Same result.

Root stops by and has an idea. "What if you were to take two terrariums and place them almost end to end, separated by about an inch and a half. Then place two walking chambers on top of each." The terrariums are about a foot tall. Surely Natasha wouldn't want to drop that far.

She doesn't. But she doesn't want to step across the gap, either. She simply stops at the edge of the chamber. When Drummond gently prods her with the thin end of a fluorescent green paintbrush, Natasha takes offense.

All eight of her legs seem to move at once (though intellectually we know that's not the case) and she lets out a hiss.

"Jesus," Drummond yells, jumping back from the table. "I think it grabbed the brush. I'm sweating. That scared the hell out of me." His face is as red as the T-shirt he's wearing.

"Let's try a new spider."

Havel returns Natasha to her terrarium and returns a few seconds later with spider #9, a huge, hairy creature. Let's call her Shelob.

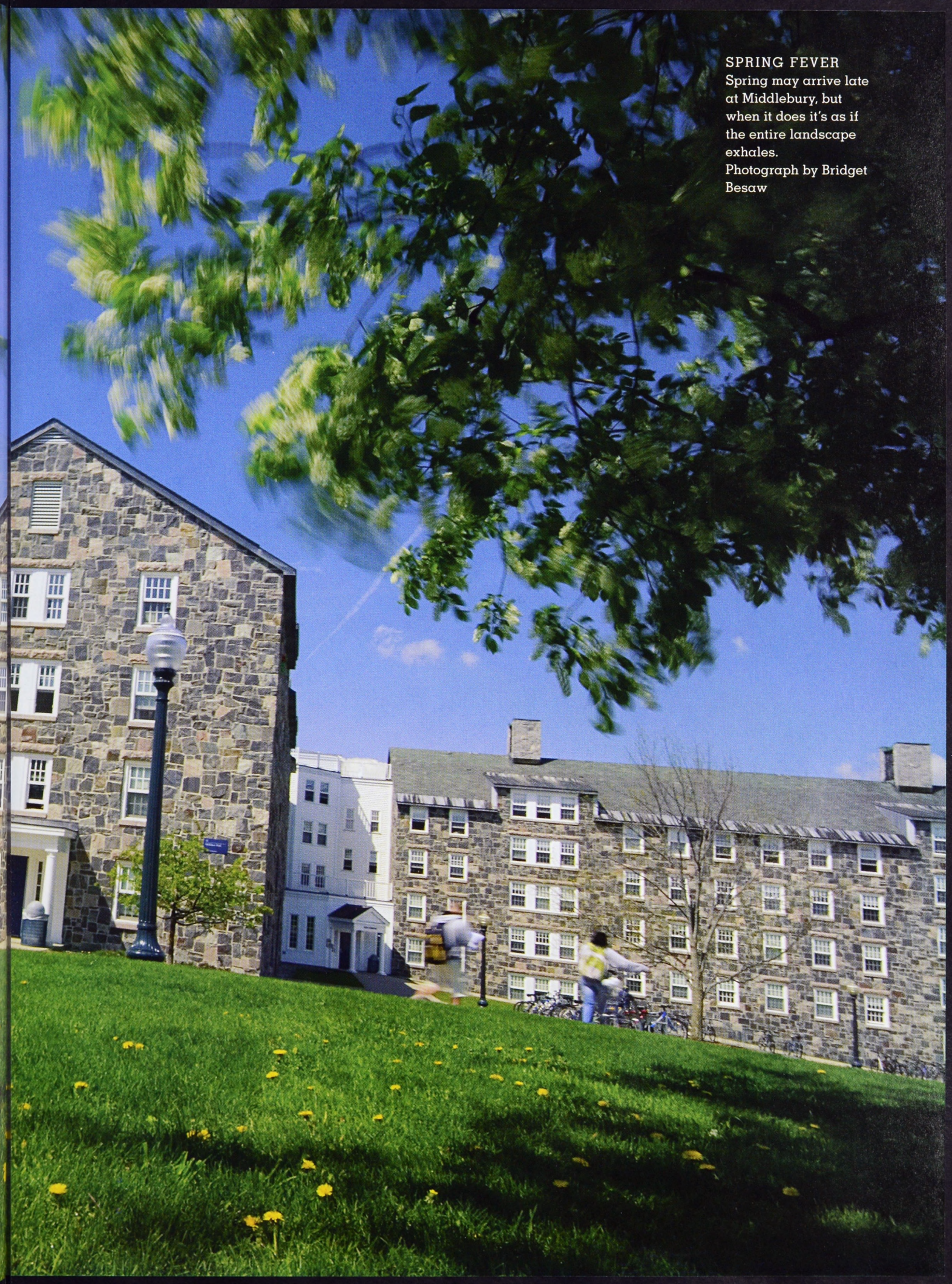
"She's a monster," mutters Drummond. "John, you can do this one."

Drummond and Havel are now trying a different approach. They've placed the two walking chambers directly on the lab table, leaving a quarter-inch gap between the two. Root likens it to creating a puddle for the tarantula to step over. But, like her friends, Shelob wants no part of it.

Drummond and Havel are now an hour-and-a-half into what has proved to be a fruitless experiment. Not one spider has cooperated, and to conduct the experiment properly, the students would have to run three trials—with *ten* different spiders.

"Maybe we need a new experiment," Havel says.

Drummond and Havel did conduct a new experiment, placing the subjects on their backs and watched which legs they used to flip over. All the spiders did what they were supposed to do.



SPRING FEVER
Spring may arrive late at Middlebury, but when it does it's as if the entire landscape exhales.
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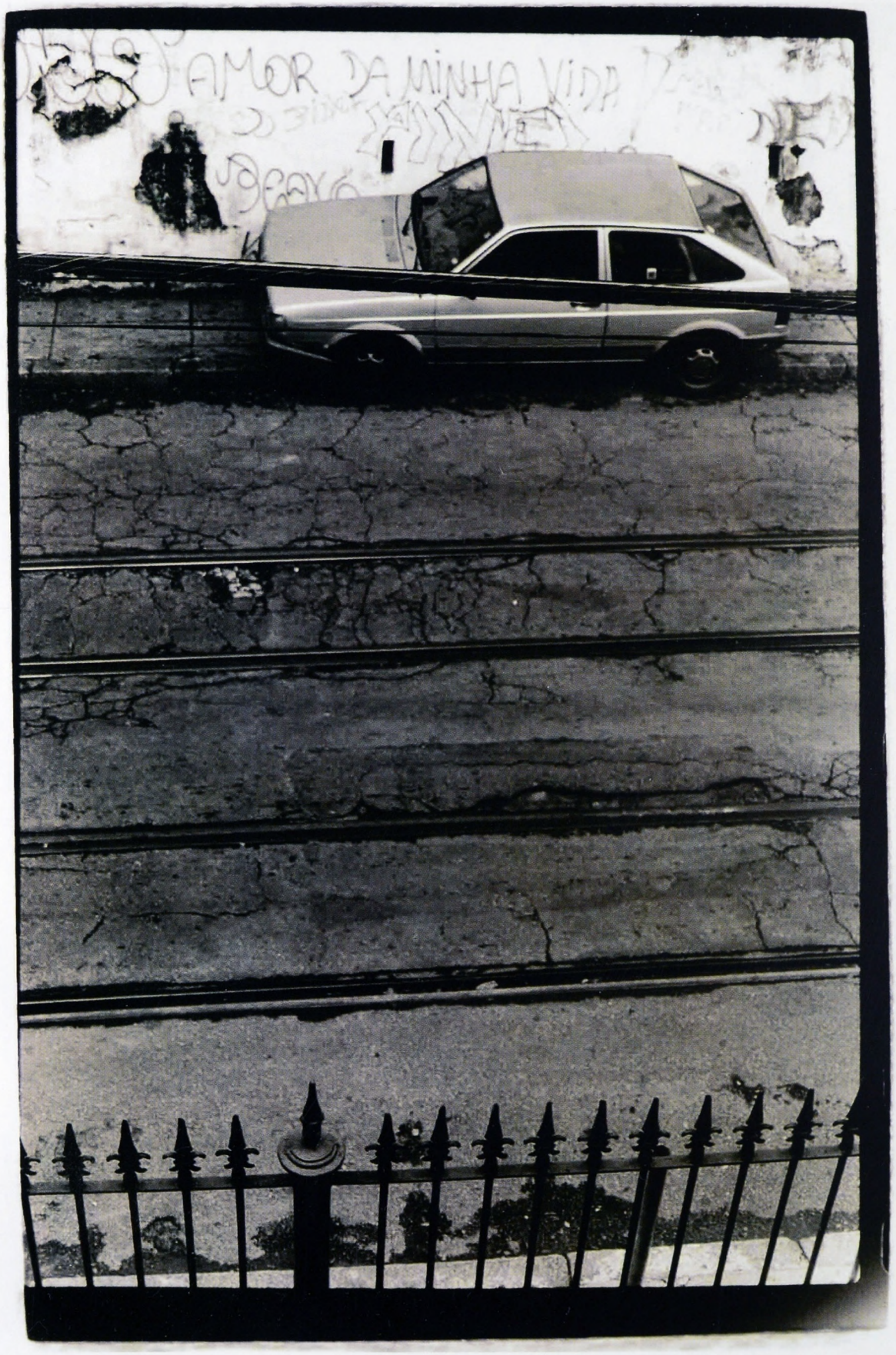
AMOR DA MINHA VIDA

Street Sense

Armed only with a Meyer Grant, an English major decamps for Rio de Janeiro, where she digs beneath the city's exported public image in an attempt to find its true self.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY ANGELA JANE EVANCIE '09

DONA CARMEN'S YOUNG GRANDDAUGHTER LEADS ME DOWN THE STAIRS to the first floor of the apartment building at 1500 Rua Almirante Alexandrino and presses the buzzer of apartment number 3. Inside, a muffled telephone conversation comes to a slow stop, and a shirtless old man opens the door. "What a shame," he says, and sets me down on his couch. "Are you hungry? Thirsty?"

Having performed her duty, the little girl returns to her grandmother's home up on the third floor. I had met Dona Carmen, the landlord of the building, just 10 minutes ago, even though I have been subletting from one of her tenants on the second floor for more than two weeks. I had buzzed her apartment from the street below because I had lost my key, a key that I was not supposed to have in the first place, and after I explained

my predicament, she let me in and directed me upstairs. I found her standing in her bright, gray living room, arms crossed. "Fabricio is renting to an American again? He should have told me about you," she tutted. "Well, you all get robbed, and it's his fault." She then told me to go see Nicanor.

Nicanor is the shirtless man in Number 3. After letting me in, he slumps into the couch and asks me if this is my first time in Brazil. I tell him it is my first time in Brazil, my first time in Rio de Janeiro, and my first time in Santa Teresa, the bohemian quarter carved from a mountainside overlooking the Guanabara Bay. From Santa Teresa, one is afforded views of both the bay below, with its bright beach resorts of Copacabana and Ipanema, and the ridge of Desterro Hill above, which is accented nicely with a 120-foot-tall statue of Jesus Christ. In between sea and sky, clusters of stacked concrete homes, Rio's infamous *favelas*—slums—smear the white cityscape with tones of dusty brown.

The view from Nicanor's veranda reveals the backside of our apartment building, and he takes me out to show off the mango tree that hangs its branches over the railing. He has fashioned a mango picker from a tin plate secured to the end of a broomstick, and he demonstrates the gentle process of loosening the mangoes from the tree and catching them on the plate. He retrieves a few for effect. Scraps of old peels and bread lie on the edge of the wall: food for the monkeys, which Nicanor also likes to lure from the tree. He shows me his storage closet and says something that I cannot understand about the puddle of water on the floor, and we return to the living room.

While Nicanor prepares coffee, I survey the room: a couch with zebra-print pillows, a table covered with Brazil's popular daily newspaper, *O Globo*, and a large watercolor of two lovers copulating in front of a giant sunflower. On a table next to the couch, he has several framed photographs and a telephone, which has already rung several times since I have arrived. He has told a number of callers that, yes, he will attend someone's birthday party on Sunday; he checked with Dona Carmen about when the locksmith will arrive to change the locks (in case the robbers know where I live and try to use my keys to enter); and told everyone he spoke to about the events of my day.

"Yes, she was just out walking, right here in Santa Teresa, right around noon . . . the *ladrões* took her bag and drove away."

I think about Luiz, whom I have also met in the past hour. He was five paces from me when the car pulled away; he told

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me that he would have yelled at the man, but since I was obscured from his view by a telephone pole, he hadn't figured out what was going on. I was wary to trust him, but he was older, and said, "Nonsense! I live right here. Come in and have a glass of water." A quiet girl with dark skin was doing dishes in his kitchen, and two small white dogs ran around and peed on the pink wooden floors of his porch.

Luiz let me use his office to look up phone numbers and call the Visa card people and Fabricio. Visa answered; Fabricio did not. Piles of math textbooks and exercises written in English covered Luiz's dark mahogany desk. He told me he was a math professor and offered to drive me back to my apartment. Along the way, we scoured the back streets for my bag, since Luiz thought the thieves might have tossed what they didn't want. I was positive that he was in their gang, their gang mathematician, and that he was driving me to my doom. He dropped me off at my front door, wrote down his phone number, and told me to stop by sometime for a beer.

After coffee, Nicanor serves me bread, cheese, and a smoothie made from his collected mangoes. He sits me down at the head of his kitchen table, and we page through the newspaper together. We discuss articles about preparations for the upcoming week of *Carnaval* (Nicanor will not be attending; he cannot stand the *barulho*—noise) and rising crime rates. He recounts, one by one, every robbery he has ever witnessed or experienced. My favorite is his story of the omnibus. He was sitting in the back of a bus when a man boarded, waited until they were moving, and proceeded to make his way down the aisle, quietly gesturing with a gun and demanding that passengers relinquish their money and valuables. Nicanor knew that the driver was helpless, and no one was going to stand up to this man. When the thief got to him, Nicanor told him very calmly that he had a cell phone and had called the police, who would be waiting for him at the next intersection. The thief debarked immediately, and Nicanor ends his story in a fit of triumphant laughter. He had been lying to the man; he doesn't even own a cell phone.

"You have to be careful these days; you always have to pay attention." Nicanor has lived in Santa Teresa for decades and assures me that it has not always been like this. "Nothing was as dangerous as it is today," he tells me; "I used to go to the *favelas* for *churrasco*, the best barbecue I ever had. Nobody had bars up in front of their doors back then."

Maybe he's right. Along Santa Teresa's steep cobblestone streets, bright mansions and mosaic-tiled staircases of yester-century alternate with modern apartment buildings, all with tall, spiked, wrought-iron gates protecting their front doors and potted plants.

Santa Teresa has recently undergone a bohemian overhaul (the *New York Times* called it the "Anti-Rio"), and its main drag has all the classic symptoms of gentrification: sushi bars, small storefronts displaying psychedelic art and furniture made from found objects, German barbecue, smiling proprietors. But in the gaps between these beacons of renewal, tarp-covered stoops shade the entrances to small concrete homes and long staircases into the *favelas* below. When I walk home each evening, knocking my knees against blue-plastic grocery bags filled with mangoes, eggs, and beans for my dinner, I know I walk a fine, porous boundary between safety and danger. But I have no idea what that danger is. Will an iron gate really protect me?

A few vistas on the way up the steep streets offer wide views of the city below, where *favelas* climb up from behind the white resorts at sea level to Santa Teresa's perch 600 feet above. After several sightings of fireworks blasting up from the crowded, piled neighborhoods, I had asked Fabricio why everyone was celebrating all the time. He told me that the flares could mean one of three things:

One. The drugs have arrived.

Two. The police have arrived.

Three. Another gang has arrived.

The latter two often result in a *troca de balas*, an exchange of bullets between gang and authority or gang and gang, although I gathered from many apathetic Santa Teresa residents that there isn't much difference between the two. Nicanor seems to feel the same way. "Awful, just awful," he says. "*Não agüento mais.*" I've had enough.

Nicanor avoids leaving his apartment, except to see his girlfriend, who lives right around the corner. He divorced years ago, but explains to me that he prefers the bachelor lifestyle and having his own space. "She comes here, I go there, but it's important to do your own thing." When she calls again, my eye returns to the watercolor of the lovers above the couch.

Fabricio's romantic escapades are a little more sporadic: occasionally he'll return with a man, cordially introduce me, and they'll disappear into Fabricio's room. I see him in the mornings, when I'm on my way out. He's usually smoking a cigarette in his boxers on our veranda, playing his guitar and singing Caetano Veloso's English lyrics until he's ready to go to the gym. He works in the evenings, performing in *Anjo Malaquais*, a two-man tribute to the poet Mario Quintana, at the Centro Cultural Justiça Federal in Cinlândia, in which he plays the accordion and guitar. The only section of *O Globo* that I ever see him read is the theater review.

One day Fabricio took me to the *Mercado Popular*, six blocks of stores selling the same things for different degrees of cheap and all crammed with teenagers walking several paces behind their families. He wanted fabric to reupholster the chairs on the veranda. They had to match the pillows in the living room, a stipulation that I could not grasp, and we went from one bulk fabric store to the next, searching for the proper color and texture. All of the stores were much larger and loftier than their fronts suggested, and all were doing steady business with people preparing to make their wedding dresses and *Carnaval* costumes by hand. We went to four stores before Fabricio decided to return to the first.

I'm beginning to think that I prefer Nicanor and Fabricio's homebody approach. I spend my days walking around different parts of the city and looking for good places to sit down. I buy nothing; the street vendors sell only cheap purses, cell phones, and sunglasses. Instead of an ice-cream stand or a café on every corner, there's an auto-body shop or a locksmith. I spend my evenings eating modest dinners on the veranda and reading Elizabeth Bishop, an American poet who spent 15 years living in Petrópolis, just north of Rio. In *Questions of Travel*, she writes:

> Think of the long trip home.
> Should we have stayed at home and thought of here?
> Where should we be today?
> Is it right to be watching strangers in a play
> in this strangest of theaters?
> What childishness is it that while there's a breath of life
> in our bodies, we are determined to rush
> to see the sun the other way around?
> The tiniest green hummingbird in the world?
> To stare at some inexplicable old stonework,
> Inexplicable and impenetrable,
> at any view,
> instantly seen and always, always delightful?
> Oh, must we dream our dreams
> and have them, too?
> And have we room
> for one more folded sunset, still quite warm?

"So, why are you here? Traveling? A student?" Nicanor asks. I field the question frequently and usually respond with some form of the affirmative. I never reveal that I'm here with a $2,000 grant to "deconstruct tourism in a world destination with such a specific exported image." I told friends at home that I wanted to

hone the Portuguese I had been studying for more than a year, or, half-jokingly, just to see if I can do it. Privately, I came to see if Rio really was such a *Cidade Maravilhosa*, a Marvelous City. I wanted to see how my idea of the place matched up to my experience, to dream my dreams and have them too.

But this time, I speak a truth that I have not yet revealed to myself: "I don't know." I eye Nicanor shamefully. He laughs and asks me if I'm still hungry.

I want to tell him that I am dying to get back home, that I would do anything for just one day of a cloudy Vermont sky. I think that of all people, this contentedly cynical man will understand my contempt for sunny, cloudless days. Bluebird skies rob the world of its deep, wet hues and its foggy dimension, rendering us all actors on a giant, two-dimensional set where front doors open to nothing and trees flop over in the wind. I have had too many of these days in Santa Teresa, and I am strangely satisfied with the fact that I got robbed on one of them: another black mark against the bright day.

When I arrived in Brazil, it took me almost a week to make myself go to the beach, Rio's claim to paradisiacal fame. I walked across the hot sand, swarming with blazing bodies, until I found a couple who looked trustworthy enough to guard my things while I swam. I welcomed myself into the shade of their umbrella and struck up a conversation. They understood neither my Portuguese nor my Spanish, so I tried English. They finally replied in British accents. The husband told me they were expats of seven years, most recently installed in São Paulo and vacationing in Copacabana. It was the first time I had been in the company of people who actually purchased what the aggressive vendors offered: *Guaraná* soda from Styrofoam coolers and wrinkled empanadas. "It's wonderful," the man said. "Sit here long enough, and they'll bring you anything."

The mother bought olive empanadas for their two sons, who were playing at the edge of the umbrella's shade. The boys said little to one another and worked diligently on buttressing their sand castles. They beheld their surroundings with squinting eyes, and I wondered what place they would ever think of as home. Or would they always play in new places, speak English with one another, and build their homes out of sand?

I left the couple with an anthology of travel writing to peruse while I swam. The water was warm, and a swaying line of froth where waves broke carried wrappers and cigarette butts. When I returned, the man told me he had chosen Clive Irving's piece, "The First Drink of the Day," which I found telling, even though I hadn't read it yet. When I gathered my things to leave, he asked me how long it took to return to Santa Teresa. I told him that it took one bus, one metro, and one *bonde*: a long time, but I preferred not to keep track. "Right," he said. "Just another thing to fill the day." He and his wife looked out in different directions from the silent shade of their umbrella, and the boys dug deep holes for their feet.

The man's words rang in my ears: "Just another thing to fill the day." He was completely right, and I boarded the metro, thankful that it would be the end of another one by the time I made it back.

Nicanor and I continue to wait for Fabricio to return so that I can get into my apartment. Hours have passed, and two cups of coffee and two mango smoothies later I am beginning to feel as if I am imposing. But Nicanor is just warming up to me. He tells me that I remind him of his daughter and disappears into a closet to retrieve his photo albums. We spread them out over the newspaper that still covers the table and flip through the glossy years of her life. "She always knew she wanted to leave Brazil," Nicanor says, and although I strain to hear disappointment in his voice, it eludes me. He tells me that she has settled in Sydney, Australia, a line I can tell he loves to drop. We turn to the albums preserving his memories of trips to visit her—cruises, casinos, opera, aquariums.

Suddenly, the pictures begin to look fake. How could this man, comfortably living his two-room life, ever have gone or been anywhere else? How did he get himself there? If everyone is transient, what happens to the places we leave behind?

Soon Fabricio arrives, and I kiss Nicanor farewell. He sends me off like he received me: while in the middle of a telephone conversation. I'm tempted to ask him for his number.

I see Nicanor once more before I leave Santa Teresa. On the day before I catch my bus, an afternoon downpour floods Rua Almirante Alexandrino, and I watch from my bedroom window as sticks and leaves and Haviana flip-flops clog the sewer drains. Backed-up water begins to cascade straight into our basement parking-garage, and Dona Carmen appears, high stepping through the rushing sludge with a broom. I watch her poke the handle into the clogged sewer gate in vain, and I descend with a broom of my own.

A wrought-iron door perpendicular to the garage entrance has caught masses of debris in its rungs, and the rush of brown water is subsequently rising into the garage. We literally open the floodgates and hurry the stuff down a staircase, but in a futile effort to protect, what? The cars inside; the television that Alex, the building's handyman, keeps on the floor and is perpetually repairing; the locked bicycles that I always wish I could use? Nicanor appears on his veranda above and calls out to me, "Careful! This water is toxic. It comes from the *favelas*."

And I look down at my bare feet, pruning in the murky, milky water, and I fear and hate what Nicanor has said. This water comes from the air, it comes from the Atlantic. It comes from the days your daughter still lived here, and it will wash these streets clean. Perhaps Nicanor resents the water's transience; perhaps I envy it.

In the bus station, the agent tells me that my ticket is invalid; due to a fluke computer error, my seat was canceled and sold to someone else. *Think of the long trip home.* I ask the woman behind me if this kind of thing is normal.

"Daughter," she tells me, "in South America, everything is normal."

Angela Evancie's time in South America was funded by a Meyer Grant. Prior to her travels, she spent a summer at Middlebury's Portuguese School. The summer after she returned, she workshopped this story at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Evancie is from Weybridge, Vermont.

The Gauge of Anxiety

Is Middlebury more stressed-out than ever?

By Sarah Tuff '95
Illustrations by Gianpaolo Pagni

Pay no attention to the spa-like calm evoked by the butter-colored walls, arched windows and pendant lamps from über-high ceilings in Room 229 at Middlebury's new Axinn Center. As the spring term tightens its grasp, the discussion topic here is stress.

"Why does it feel so stressful around here?" the posters—depicting Edvard Munch's *The Scream*—plastered around campus have asked. "Does work hard/play hard translate into stress hard?" Tonight, 26 members of the Middlebury community have gathered in this soothing space on a Wednesday after dinner in an attempt to find not only some answers to those questions, but also a step toward some long-term solutions.

Larry Yarbrough, a religion professor whose smooth refereeing during a recent panel on the crisis in the Middle East has earned him the moderator position for the stress meeting, asks Elise Cohen '11 about the pressure in her life. She's majoring in psych, minoring in Chinese and training three hours a day for the Middlebury crew team. Cohen has too much homework, she says, and when she tries to decompress late at night by watching a TV show or messing around on the computer, she skimps on sleep. Then she's exhausted, can't focus, and is even more stressed. "I get so overwhelmed," she says.

"I feel like I live in my room," says Jenny, a senior who twists her curly hair around her finger. "We have to breathe—we should have lives outside the classroom."

"Save Middlebury from the stress monster!" says Paul, a sophomore.

All joking aside, stress has become a big issue at Middlebury in the last few years, according to students, staff, and faculty members—so much so that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Campus Stress formed last year. And now, with the economy struggling, folks speak of stepping into a perfect storm of stressful convergences—uncertain job prospects, a frenetic social life fueled by a bevy of social media outlets, and the myriad choices and commitments that face most every college student.

Yet somewhere amidst all this is the vibrant busyness on which students have long thrived. "How do we really know what causes stress here at Middlebury?" says Yarbrough to the group. "And how do we identify what the antidotes for stress are?"

Big Fish, Little Fish

Our popular usage of the word stress, according to Mark Stefani, a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Middlebury, dates back to the 1930s, when researcher Hans Selye was studying the way rats responded to challenging situations. Selye borrowed the term "stress" from structural engineering. Today, we're the rats ourselves, scurrying from one situation to the next—especially when we are in a higher-education environment.

"Stress is endemic to college campuses, and probably always has been," says Stefani. "Students are subjected to regular deadline pressures and evaluations in the classroom. In addition, there are for many—if not most—students the added pressures of living more independent lives away from the supervision of parents."

But while all campuses have a certain amount of stress, higher-level institutions have proportionately high levels of stress because of the achievement pressure, says Stanford-based stress-expert Robert Sapolsky, the author of *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers.* Look at most Middlebury applications and you'll see an ocean of straight-As, along with entrepreneurs, Olympic-caliber athletes and virtuosos, many of whom were valedictorians, captain of the football team, or editor of their newspaper while in high school.

Then, he says, many students go from being a big fish in a little pond to a little fish in a big pond and having to navigate a

completely new social world—all while trying to keep their heads above water. "Very much a Stanford problem," says Sapolsky. "No matter how stressed you are, you're supposed to seem graceful and golden and unruffled, just gliding through life without a care and excelling at everything."

Sapolsky knows a thing or two about stress at Middlebury, too. Last spring, he was invited to speak at the College's annual convocation series by the newly formed Ad-Hoc Committee on Campus Stress, which came together after students and faculty found themselves constantly talking about how stressful Middlebury can be. Composing the committee are Cohen and Stefani along with health, wellness, and counseling staff members; other students and professors; and Chaplain Laurie Jordan '78.

The idea of an anti-stress committee at Middlebury in the late 1970s? "It would have seemed laughable," admits Jordan. Back then, she says, it was tough, and you pulled an occasional all-nighter, but it wasn't nearly the craziness of today. "There are so many ways in which Middlebury is a more diverse and interesting place that it was before," says Jordan. "But there does seem to be more of a frenetic pace…you just want to scoop someone up and hug them."

Midd Terms

Michael Nevadomsky '09, a psychology major and member of the stress committee, recently attempted to gauge stress levels at the College. He compared class syllabi to those from comparable institutions—a difficult task, he says, because of the reluctance of many schools to share such specifics—and also compared Middlebury's current syllabi to those from a decade ago. While the experiment wasn't perfect, since syllabi vary so greatly, he believes he discovered a shift in Middlebury's approach to homework.

"What I did find," Nevadomsky tells the anti-stress gathering at Axinn, "was that there was an increase in the amount of 'police work' that was being assigned—pop quizzes given on readings or reaction papers." Last year, Nevadomsky adds, he specifically chose courses with no police work. "It took a load off," he says. "It was phenomenal—I could focus on the reading."

Students aren't the only ones feeling overwhelmed by too much work. "What I can't stand is when I feel like I am supposed to be doing six things at once, and there are people with different expectations," Chaplain Jordan tells the attendees at the anti-stress meeting. "Hours go by and nothing gets done—all you do is juggle, and then you end up with a bunch of broken eggs on the floor."

Kristian Shaw '11 says it's not only the workload, but also the environment surrounding studies that cause stress. "In the classroom it gets really competitive," she says.

Many faculty members, however, point their fingers at what goes on *outside* the classroom as a major source of stress at the College today. Part of the way Middlebury applicants have been trained to pitch themselves, says psychologist and acting dean of the college Gus Jordan, is to be involved in a lot of things in high school. "Then they come to a school like Middlebury with lots of bright, highly motivated students and everything ramps up," he says. "People are getting involved in not one extracurricular activity but ten, and they're president of half of them."

Indeed, at last count there were more than 170 Middlebury student organizations, ranging from the Architecture Group and the Bobolinks (one of eight a cappella groups) to the Flying Fists Juggling Brigade and the Swing Dance Club. "At mealtimes, it's hard to have a real conversation, because people have all these things they're running off to," says Ben Johnston '11. "The stress relievers just lead to more stress."

Classmate Shaw says she quit playing intramural volleyball and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity so that she could focus on studying and working two jobs. But students like Cohen, who happily devotes three hours a day to crew practice, say that their extracurricular activities should be the last thing Middlebury trims to reduce stress on campus. "The most calming times," she says, "are when I'm out on Lake Dunmore."

Social Distortion

Psychologist, English professor, and poet Gary Margolis '74 is the executive director of College Mental Health Services and says that another major contributor to campus stress—which has been around since the very first days of higher education—is the expected developmental issue of forming more sustained intimate relationships. "In college, that question gets more complex and serious," says Margolis. "And at the same time, everyone's trying to understand who they are and who everybody else is."

Baker Cook '10 says that one of the most difficult things at Midd is the prospect of disappointing friends and peers—and fail-

ing to meet expectations. "With social stress, there's a certain helplessness and hopelessness," he says. "If I study hard for a test, even if it's a difficult one, that studying is going to prepare me, and I'll probably be OK. It's within my control to a certain extent. But what textbook should I turn to for social problems?"

So while friendships and other relationships can be tremendous stress relievers, maintaining those ties can be stressful in itself, according to the particular developmental stage of young adults. And the ways in which students are attempting to connect to each other, say Margolis, can also add to the stress. He brings up the case of roommates who text each other while in the same room, their backs turned. Adds Jyoti Daniere, the College's director of health and wellness education: "I never see a student just walking across campus," she says. "They're always texting or on the phone."

The age when, say, a sophomore might stroll between Proctor and Voter and experience a eureka moment for a math problem or an English paper is mostly behind us. Students don't take time to be deliberate and thoughtful because they're constantly being overstimulated by technology, says Daniere—not just cell phones but also e-mail and the Internet and social-networking sites such as Facebook.

"Students can't be by themselves—it's too anxiety-provoking—and that's a huge skill these folks aren't garnering," says Daniere. "You have a sense that you're connected to the people you're emailing, but you really aren't. Facebook isn't a real friendship."

And then there is the gloomy news about the current economic crisis. As the executive director of the career services office at Middlebury, Jaye Roseborough sees firsthand the anxiety of seniors trying to find a job in this climate.

"They're not as hopeful as they have been in years past," says Roseborough. "Some of them had things lined up in the fall only to have them taken back once things really started to fall apart. That's been devastating to many [students]."

Even more troubling, says Roseborough, is the thought of the students she's not seeing—the ones who have "checked out" because they don't see any point in hunting for a job. But denial is a normal thing with seniors every year, she says. "We bring home the reality that their academic experience of 16 years is coming to an end, and they want to stay in that bubble," says Roseborough, adding that even positive news can be met with negative resistance. "We sometimes get feedback about how stressful our e-mails are," she says, "and here we are sending out announcements about opportunities."

Managing the Madness

But wait—is stress all that bad? As the anti-stress meeting at the Axinn Center gets into full-throttle mode, a couple of students confess that they actually need pressure in order to get to work. Chaplain Jordan says that she was so stressed trying to write her Ash Wednesday sermon, she was suddenly able to lock into a state of flow—the term psychologist Mihály Csíkszentmihályi coined to describe a concentrated, happy focus.

In truth, stress does give us a shot of adrenaline in order to meet the challenge ahead, part of the "fight or flight" phenomenon that the animal kingdom experiences. And as Yonna McShane, director of the office of learning resources, tells the Axinn Center group, well-being comes from a balance of safety and challenge. "If the safety is too high, we're bored," she says. "And boredom is an incredibly stressful state."

But as Sapolsky explains in *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers,* most animals do just that—fight or flee, and thus turn off the stress response. But when we chronically worry, we can do damage to the body. "In an environment when stressors tend to be frequent, long lasting, and mental," says Stefani, "stress hormone levels stay chronically high and contribute to the pathological states that include high blood pressure, increased susceptibility to illness, loss of libido and reproductive abilities, apathy, and anxiety."

So while the idea of a stress committee might have seemed laughable a few decades ago, managing stress at Middlebury today is a serious matter. Sapolsky, for one, suggests that students take advantage of what they have going for them. "They have youth and almost certainly health, and those are pretty good places to be in life, in terms of weathering challenge," he says. "They're all in a privileged setting. They almost effortlessly have a social community . . . a culture that encourages trying new things, something that often can be very stress-reducing. . . . And it is often a place that overtly values and facilitates helping the less fortunate . . . one of the best versions of social connectiveness for decreasing stress."

Daniere, meanwhile, reports that the College has taken the "less is more" idea to heart by advising less programming—an effort bolstered, however painfully, by budget cuts. "The bulletin boards are dramatically less cluttered with event after event," says Daniere. "Weirdly enough, I feel the economy could have a very positive influence on our campus because we are not offering as much, and maybe that's OK."

Then there are myriad solutions tossed out by individuals. "The College does a great job of keeping the student population happy and as calm as possible," says Marie Russo '11. "Still it would be nice if professors didn't schedule midterm exams during the same week. It makes for an *absolutely* terrible fourth week of classes."

In the Axinn Center, meeting attendees suggest some stress-relievers, both personal and institutional: creating quiet dorms, leaving the cell phone at home, busting myths about needing sky-high GPAs for grad school, becoming more supportive of people who do less, and ceasing to confuse excellence with unattainable perfection.

For many, it comes down to simplifying, and Yarbrough has some simple parting words for the students, faculty, and staff scrambling to get to their next commitment this evening. "It has become a badge of honor to talk about how busy you are," he says. "Try, for the next week, to see if you can go without saying to someone how busy you are."

Maybe it's his suggestion, or maybe it's those spa-colored walls in this room. But suddenly, everyone seems to slow down. The stress monster? Nowhere in sight.

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Grape Expectations

Is one man's attempt to establish a vineyard in Vermont foresight or folly?

By Kevin Charles Redmon '09 Illustrations by Jack Molloy

Chris Granstrom '74 is something of an accidental vintner. Like so many stories involving the odd and the unexpected, his begins with that ubiquitous time waster—the Internet. "I first stumbled across grapes by doodling around on the Web one day." The site was a chat room dedicated to growing wine grapes in northern climates, which no one in Vermont had tried yet. One of the site's contributors, a Minnesotan, offered to send Granstrom a few plants. "He sends me a shoebox of these little sticks," Granstrom explained. "So I go out and stick them in the ground." Five years later, those little sticks cover Granstom's entire spread.

The grapevines at Lincoln Peak Vineyard stretch in long rows just off the shoulder of Route 7, five minutes north of the Middlebury. Twelve of the property's 16 acres are good for growing, and all the soil space is planted right now. On a day that is brilliantly clear and bitterly cold, Granstrom wades through a foot of untracked snow to show me the pruning he's been doing. In the late-afternoon light, the gnarled vines cast long, blue shadows across the field. It's a curious twist on Vermont's picturesque, pastoral landscape. Granstrom cuts liberally as he goes, eyeing vines for the best growth potential and tossing the slash in a wake behind him. The goal is to leave enough vegetation to supply nutrients to the grapes, but not so much that will shade them from the sun. Come spring, any extra shoots grow at the expense of the fruit.

On his way back down the row, Granstrom collects the piles of pruned vines and carries them into the winery's retail space. "A year ago," he says, "this was all bare concrete." Now, it's a warm room lined with butternut paneling and a hickory bar top; the wood came off the property, and Granstrom does nearly all the construction himself—from pouring foundations to hanging pipes. ("I certainly didn't learn that at Middlebury.") In the summer, the room will be full of tasters, from tour groups to neighbors, but at the moment the floor is covered in cuttings.

At the core of Granstrom's nursery business is a task that a group of boys at Scout camp could take on with some sharp scissors and a free afternoon. Granstrom is propagating—in effect, cloning—new plants from the vines he's just pruned. Unlike most fruits, grapes don't need to be grafted. Instead, Granstrom cuts foot-long segments from the tangle, looking for the healthiest bits, wraps them in moist cloths, and bundles them in bags. They'll spend the rest of winter like this, cold and dormant. In the spring, he'll pot each stick in a little dirt, and begin it growing in the greenhouse. "Propagation is still magic to me," Granstrom says. He can sell each new vine for a few dollars. Last year he sold more than 21,000, and shipped them all over the country.

Propagating and growing vines, not grapes, was how Granstrom first got into the business. Winemaking was little more than an afterthought. "We got into it from the nursery angle because it was an emerging business opportunity," he said. He knew a lot about growing fruit, and the plants were in high demand. "The nursery was good, but to get cuttings for the greenhouse we had to have a vineyard, so we were growing and selling the grapes in bulk and just breaking even. I finally thought, 'Oh man, I can't do this, I just have to make wine.'"

Before grapes it was strawberries, and before strawberries it was apples. Apples were "an ill-fated operation," Granstrom admits—the orchard his parents helped capitalize while he was still in his twenties eventually went under—and strawberries were fickle. Granstrom's you-pick strawberry operation lasted 22 years, but by the end he was exhausted. The energy required to cultivate grapes is spread more evenly over the year, which makes summer days a little less frenetic. He seems content with the notion that wine grapes will be the final step in his evolution as fruit grower.

Granstrom, a Boston native, is in his 50s now, but three decades of working and playing outside seem to have arrested the aging process. He has a youthful countenance, and when he focuses intently, his tortoise-frame glasses slip down his nose. He also possesses a farmer's work ethic, which means he can't keep his hands still for very long.

One afternoon, I find him perched on a stool, sketching a new wine label and going over the books. Like most things at Lincoln Peak, the graphic design process is very homespun. He shows me his spring to-do list, and it includes items like "install laundry sink and pipes" and "paint trim yellow." Indeed, much of Granstrom's success derives from his tirelessness.

"The typical narrative," he observes, "is that someone makes their bundle doing whatever, and then by late middle-age they get into the wine business. It's their little retirement project. But that's

Photograph by Todd Balfour

The region is a fine place to grow Concord grapes—the kind you'd make jelly with—but they have what Granstrom calls a "foxy" flavor. Not something you'd want to press and bottle.

not the angle we're coming at it from." For Granstrom, growing things has always been a focus rather than a distraction.

Granstrom's childhood was colored by a fixation with agriculture—the way most boys take to dinosaurs or airplanes. "Even when I was a little kid, I loved farms," he says. "If we passed by a field, I'd have my nose pressed up against the window, trying to figure out what was growing out there." At Middlebury, he fell into geography. "I was fascinated with the relationship between people and the landscape," he said. "Why things were where they were, and how people interacted with the place where they lived. And so I took it one step further, and started doing my own interacting." During his junior year he found work on a dairy farm—not the direction most of his classmates headed. "I wasn't cut out for long stretches of intellectual discourse," he said. "My personal makeup was somebody that needed to be active." He began working summers dairying, but "I soon realized I was more of a plant person than an animal person." He took jobs on a handful of vegetable farms, eventually ending up on an apple orchard in Shoreham.

Five years after graduating, Granstrom met his future wife, Michaela Pontoppidan '75, at a College reunion. They purchased and settled on a 16-acre plot in New Haven, the same one they still occupy. The first building they erected on the site was a crude structure, intended to be a workshop. "Instead, we decided to move in. It was never what we imagined, but we added a little insulation, a wall or two, and it just sort of grew from there." Strawberries replaced apples, and soon the first of Chris and Michaela's two daughters was on the way.

Until five or ten years ago, the Minnesota grape varieties that Granstrom now uses weren't yet fully developed, and most of the wine grapes being grown in northern New England were poorly adapted to deal with the cold. The region is a fine place to grow Concord grapes—the kind you'd make jelly with—but they have what Granstrom calls a "foxy" flavor. Not something you'd want to press and bottle. Still, North American rootstock has long been valuable to European vintners because it's naturally resistant to phylloxera, a bug that wreaks havoc on vineyards—which wasn't a concern until the bug jumped the Atlantic in the 19th century and nearly wiped out the European wine industry. The solution was to graft European vines onto American roots. Today, cross-breeding the two species produces hardy plants that can grow in harsh, cold-weather climates but retains the grapes' delicate and complex tastes.

Jim Luby—father of Claire Luby '10—is a professor of fruit breeding at the University of Minnesota. He oversees all fruit hybridization projects in the agricultural school, including the grapes now growing at Lincoln Peak. Nearly every variety Chris Granstrom grows in Vermont began as a seedling in Luby's Minnesota laboratory. For any given hybrid that makes it to market Luby crosses about twenty thousand, a process he describes as "sorting through a pile of garbage to find jewels." And success in a controlled greenhouse only goes so far in predicting how well a vine will grow in the Green Mountains.

Granstrom's learning curve has been steep as a result. But in terms of vine growing and fruit cultivation, he says, Lincoln Peak is the most well managed vineyard in the region. "A lot of people

underestimate the workload and technical expertise required to grow grapes. From all the years of growing strawberries we understood farming and fruit. We hit the ground running." His early success seems to have elevated him to the position of a regional wine grape guru. It helps that he's patient, because everyone who drops by invariably wants to talk shop.

When the owner of a nascent but well-financed vineyard just up Route 7 wanders in one afternoon, he has a laundry list of questions for Granstrom—what he was planting and when, soil temperatures, bottle prices and sizes. The owner then spends a long time walking up and down the rows, looking at Granstrom's work and making notes. What most people would consider proprietary secrets Granstrom divulges freely. This wiki approach works, in part, because nobody knows much about how to grow these grapes. "It's not as if there's this traditional body of knowledge that we just haven't tapped into," he tells me later. "We're creating it. We're the pioneers. We're all learning together." If it's overwhelming at times, then it's exciting in equal measure.

With a room full of fermenting and holding tanks just steps away from his makeshift office, Granstrom tastes a lot of wine. The winemaking process itself is as much experimentation as it is precision, and there's a lot of activity to keep track of—yeasts, sugars, oxidation, and aging. Granstrom goes about it zealously, like a kid with a new chemistry set. "I take two cents from anyone who comes along," he says, as he fills a small wine glass from an enormous, stainless steel tank and hands it to me. We're making our way around the unheated room, sampling a half-dozen different whites and roses. In the corner, red wine pressed this fall ages in oak casks. Granstrom takes a sip and chews. It's a sweet white wine, from one of three batches in which Granstrom has been adjusting sugar levels. The other two are drier, with more of a bite. "Our *terroir* is going to produce high-acid wines," he says. The trick is to allow the juice to ferment just long enough to bring out sweetness to balance the acidity. It's not unlike trying to coast a freight train to a stop right in front of the station. The only way to get it right is to allow yourself a lot of opportunities to get it wrong first.

At the moment, though, the object of Granstrom's attention is a small batch of ice wine that occupies two child-sized tanks in the middle of the room. Using a turkey baster as a wine thief, he fills a small flute for me. It's a deep, glowing yellow color, sweet as cider but with an aggressive edge. "The acidity of this grape is off the charts," Granstrom says—a curse for table wine but a blessing for dessert wine. "If the wine wasn't so sweet you could peel paint with it."

Ice wine is made by allowing the grapes to freeze on the vine. When it's about eighteen degrees outside, you pick them and press them, still half frozen. The result is that most of the water is locked up ice crystals, while the sugars and flavors are concentrated in the small amount of juice that drips out. The cycles of freezing and thawing that the grapes undergo on the vine produce subtle notes

Photograph by Brett Simison

you couldn't get otherwise.

Lincoln Peak released a vintage of ice wine earlier this fall, and it all sold immediately. Like bread, wine is one of those ancient foods that haven't undergone a lot of innovation in the last few thousand years. People like ice wine because it's novel. Even Granstrom is surprised. "People are fascinated by the whole concept. They say, 'Ice wine, what's that?' Their eyes get big, and they want to know everything about it. They take out their money and starting peeling off their dollars. I don't know, it's just a magic combination of words."

Granstrom's biggest concern is what to call his new creation. This batch was made from grapes frozen in a freezer—not on the vine—so "ice wine" is technically a misnomer. He says that a few California vineyards have begun calling it "vin de glacier." Something to convey iciness. I suggest "arctic ambrosia." "Maybe," says Granstrom, looking doubtful.

tastes it, and pauses philosophically. He says that the acidity in the grape drives the fruit out of complacency, and tells Granstom he could get twice the price he's asking for it.

A visitor from Italy said the same thing a few weeks ago, Granstrom says. "He tried all the wines and said some nice things. And then he got to the ice wine. He said, 'You hold onto that for a few years, and you'll be a rich man.'" Perhaps like finding himself in the wine business at all, Granstrom seems a little bemused by the thought of imminent success. "Ice wine isn't really where my heart is," he says, with a trace of a sigh, "but it may be our niche. Winter comes early here."

The ice wine is a big hit several weeks later, at an after-hours tasting in February, when Chris and I are joined by Michaela, Jay Leshinsky, head of the College's organic garden, and Andy McCabe '85, owner of Vergennes Wine. The whites, reds and roses are paired with local cheese, and for a while the discussion turns to Vermont *terroir* and the "local pour" movement. McCabe, erudite, smoky-voiced, and sporting a blazer with flannel and sneakers, steals the show. "At the end of the day," he says, "*terroir* is all about rocks. How they acidify the soil, how they retain heat. In this loamy, fertile soil, you're not going to have *terroir* in the traditional sense." Clay may lend a hint of cinnamon, and limestone comes off as mandarin orange. But, McCabe says, without the stress of growing in rocky soil, Vermont wines will turn out exactly how you expect: clean and pure.

Chris mentions that two decades of strawberries occupied the soil before the vines went in, and wonders aloud if this gives the wine particular notes. Michaela suggests that if they really want to bring out the berry undertones they might water the soil with strawberry liquor.

We taste the three whites in which Chris has been tweaking sugar levels. McCabe leans back in the rolling office chair he's been given and calls the dry version "a bit mean spirited." "It's like a Fauve painting, where the color goes outside the lines," he says. He points to the sweeter white. "Whereas this is more contained; it's happier." He likens it to Renoir's "Boating Party"—very marketable.

The ice wine arrives last. It comes in a dark, elegant bottle, half the traditional size, accompanied by a strong blue cheese. It's one of the few remaining from Granstom's first vintage. McCabe

If the idea of a burgeoning Vermont wine industry seems unlikely, consider that in 1933 the state didn't have any ski lifts, either. Jim Luby, at the University of Minnesota, said that while New England will never match the output of, say, Napa Valley, it will produce a different style of wine, and some of it will be very good. "California also grows carrots," he mused, "so should Vermont not bother with carrots, either?" And local pour movements may mean that the environmentally conscious won't have to choose between tee totaling and the size of their carbon footprint. What's more, Granstrom's wine, still in its earliest vintages, isn't just kitsch—it's good. Even Andy McCabe, who sees a lot of wine, said his skepticism has been assuaged since Lincoln Peak rolled out its first wines last summer.

Kicking around the retail space one afternoon, warm light filling the windows and public radio murmuring away in the corner, Granstrom tells me that he doesn't spend a lot of time being introspective but that so far everything is going well. When he says this he seems to be referring as much to his four decades as a farmer as he is to the vineyard.

And winemaking presents him with a new outlet for his curiosity. "One thing you have to realize," he says, "is that we're way out on the cutting edge." He pauses, considering the idea. "And, you know, that's not even the right metaphor. We're, like, out on thin ice." He seems to relish the thrill of arriving at middle age to find himself still toeing the ice's edge. Spend enough time with him, though, and you get the distinct sense that even if he were bottling vinegar Chris Granstrom would be enjoying himself. He still gets to watch things grow everyday, still gets to work with his hands, still gets to play outside.

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THE CREATOR
The world that artist Corinna Luyken creates is playfully off-kilter from our own. Photograph by MacLeod Pappidas

Flight of Fancy

Fueled by a vivid imagination and a bucketful of talent, Corinna Luyken is an artist on the rise.

By Marc Covert

Corinna Luyken '00 begins her workday like many of us—rising early, sitting down to a fresh cup of coffee or tea (brewed by husband MacLeod Pappidas), maybe doing some exercise like yoga or going for a swim, and then getting down to business by eight or nine. But there the similarity ends. After all, how many of us can say we go to our jobs each day and create magic? Even Luyken may hesitate to call it that, but there may be no better word to describe what she does.

Her workspace is small but orderly, clutter kept to a minimum, nestled between the kitchen and living room in a small rental house in Aberdeen, Washington. While jazz plays softly in the background, Luyken sits at her drawing table, sharing a chair with her big, brown and gray tabby, Buster, when she takes up a pencil and begins to sketch. Inspiration may or may not come right away; holding to regular hours and trying to keep the critical part of her mind in check often lead to what she calls "happy surprises" in her work. A lifelong yoga and aikido devotee, she focuses on the here-and-now, moment-to-moment act of creating. She may spend hours on end in this one place, switching back and forth from pencil to ink to watercolors. Soon an image emerges: a woman cradling huge, glowing snowflakes, a man with abstract musical notes snaking from a giant orange trumpet—it could be any number of things. Her imagery seems to take flight, wild motions and graceful movements all tumble and whirl together, spilling out onto the paper—by proxy, if you will. Luyken may be sitting still, fully enraptured by the creative process, but her paintings display the heart and dexterity of a dancer.

Many of these paintings will grace her ever-expanding line of greeting cards, which never fail to stop people in their tracks with her depictions of women, men, children, animals, and nature, all celebrating life in a world playfully off-kilter from our own. "This whole business has been evolving as I go," she says. "Greeting cards aren't really what I thought I would be doing now—I always wanted to do illustrations for children's books, and I'd still like to do that some day—but I've found that I really love making these cards. I'm thrilled by the idea that people send my art along to friends and family with their thoughts of love, gratitude, and friendship. And I never know where the cards will end up; once people buy them, they can be sent anywhere in the world. It's like art with wings!"

One unintended benefit of art with wings: several years ago a set designer in Hollywood saw Luyken's cards and commissioned five

THE ART OF THE CRAFT

Luyken will sketch for hours in her workshop, focusing on the act of creating. And then, almost like magic, an image will emerge.

Photograph by MacLeod Pappidas

original watercolors for the set of *Baby Mama*, starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Those who recognize Luyken's work can clearly see her painting, *In the Language of Butterflies*, to the left of the bathroom door in the movie trailer. "It was really fun to watch the movie and see if I could spot the paintings," she laughs. "But Hollywood isn't breaking down my door just yet."

Born in the San Francisco Bay Area and raised in Oregon, Luyken can't remember a time when she didn't want to draw, and her infatuation with color began at an early age. "I've always remembered the world in colors," she says. "Even as a child I would remember people by the colors they wore, or places like Arizona by the red-rock landscapes." As a young girl, her influences included syndicated comics like Garfield and standard kids' fare like Dr. Seuss. As her artistic talents matured, she gained inspiration from poets, illustrators, and painters like Yehuda Amichai, Lisbeth Zwerger, and John James Audubon. "Oh, and Bob Ross!" she remembers, almost as a guilty pleasure. "He's the painter with the beard and big Afro on public television. He'd always talk about painting 'big fluffy clouds.' I learned a lot from him about how art can be fun."

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At Middlebury, Luyken put aside her paints and drawing pads for a time to concentrate on new pursuits; she majored in dance and minored in religion. But it wasn't long before she devised ways to integrate her love of art into a course of study that combined heavy doses of dance with ecology, printmaking, and writing. Her senior thesis, remembers dance teacher Penny Campbell nine years later, "included photographs and drawings, poems she wrote in a lovely little edition to give out, and a short group-movement piece rooted in improvisational dance." Other teachers were equally impressed. Former Middlebury creative writing instructor Barbara Ganley says, "Corinna Luyken was one of the standout creative students in all my 19 years at Middlebury. She found ways to weave gorgeous prints and drawings into her writing at a time when her peers were focused on one medium or the other. She was following her own creative instincts, a Blake in our midst."

After graduation Luyken returned to the Pacific Northwest, eventually settling in Washington's Methow Valley, where she took up painting and printmaking in earnest. She sold her first greeting cards there in 2004 and 2005, and began to market them outside her local region in 2006. The first bookstore to carry her cards was in Alaska; soon she had clients in Colorado, Utah, California, Washington, D.C., and New Hampshire.

After searching for a distributor to take the day-to-day marketing work off her plate ("my studio was beginning to look more like an office than an art space"), Luyken signed on in 2008 with Emery-Burton, a wholesale distributor that now ships her cards to boutiques, bookstores, gift shops, and natural foods stores throughout the United States and Canada. Central to Luyken's entrepreneurial philosophy is an absolute commitment to environmental sustainability and social responsibility—all of her cards are printed on recycled paper using soy-based ink, and a percentage of her profits is donated to organizations whose missions embrace peace, education, and social justice.

As for what the future may hold, Luyken and Pappidas plan to move to Hoquiam, just a few miles to the north. A new home studio awaits them, larger and brighter and more open, along with space for a vegetable garden and prowling territory for Buster. She and Pappidas hope to stay put, but are open to going where life takes them. For now, they both want to seek out other local artists (Pappidas is a newspaper photographer), something they have had little time to do since arriving in southwest Washington.

"The art scene around here is pretty tiny," she says, "but over in Hoquiam, they are starting an artists' cooperative gallery, and we've gotten to know a few artists who do sculpture, design work, and collage fabric pieces." Even in times of change and uncertainty on a personal, local, and global level, Luyken's art helps her maintain her positive outlook. "Whether it's music, dance, or visual art, I think that beauty of any kind can work wonders on the mind, body, and spirit. And the great thing about art is that under the right circumstances, it can uplift not just individuals, but whole communities."

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Anchors Away

One writer's restorative journey—of self and vessel.

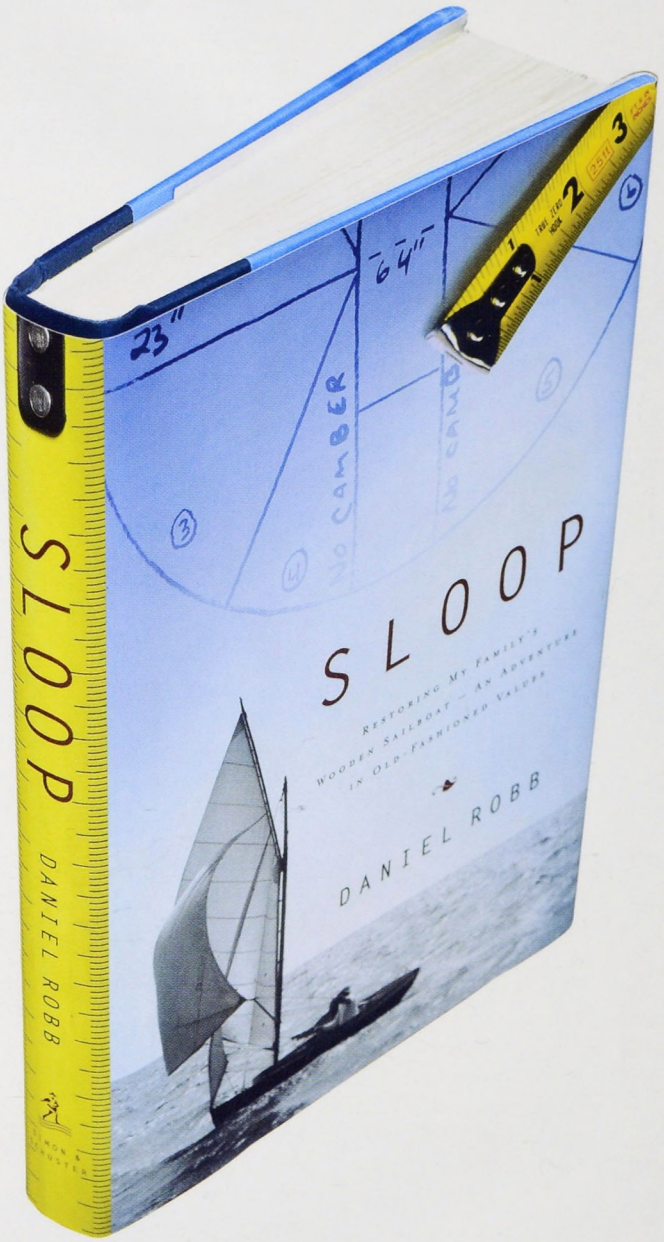
By Blair Kloman

As adept with his words as he is with the tools of restoration, Daniel Robb '87 writes his second book, *Sloop: Restoring My Family's Wooden Sailboat—An Adventure in Old-Fashioned Values* (Simon & Schuster, 2008), as if he were chatting amiably with a friend over tea. In his debut, *Crossing the Water* (2001), Robb chronicled his 18-month stint as a teacher of delinquent boys at the Penikese Island School, in Buzzard's Bay. *Sloop* finds Robb still living in the same mainland area of Woods Hole, Massachusetts, in a small and spare cabin down a bumpy drive. Making do with odd carpentry jobs around town, he catches himself yearning for another story to tell and is lucky enough to find one lurking beneath a moldy tarp in a cousin's driveway.

Part family memoir, part local lore—with a healthy dose of thoughtful introspection—Robb tells a candid tale of restoring and rebuilding what is both a family relic and an icon of historical craftsmanship. The main character, *Daphie,* is a 68-year-old, 15-foot sloop built by the revered Nathanael Greene Herreshoff. Merely whisper the name Herreshoff and you've got the attention of any sailor worth his or her salt.

Born in Bristol, Rhode Island, Herreshoff was a naval architect-engineer who revolutionized yacht design. Consequently Herreshoff Manufacturing Company went on to build what became an ardent succession of undefeated America's Cup sailboats from 1893 to 1934. The family has carried on the tradition and art of swift-sailing beauties to this day. *Daphie* is a classic representation of the Herreshoff legacy of small wooden boats built especially for the coastal waters of New England.

The historical elements of *Sloop* are central to the story. They unfold for the reader through a series of encounters that Robb has with local builders and craftsmen who give him endless advice and are always willing to lend a hand. Whether he needs a defunct bronze fastener—or a replica of one—or an explanation for a woodworking technique long outdated, the lives and stories of these old salts begin to parallel the poignant blending of old and new, tradition and innovation, that is at the heart of Robb's tale. In a society so rampant with progress and efficiency these days, Robb presents a world where the diligent restoration of an old wooden boat reflects a life lived simply, with dogged appreciation of each and every part.



Named quaintly from the combined initials of the children in Robb's mother's family, *Daphie* was adored each summer by generations of young sailors. Yet once uncovered, she reveals to Robb the many years of neglect that come from being held a musty captive beneath an old tarp. Robb is moved to tackle the task of rebuilding the once-loved sloop, and thus begins his story. He literally pulls back the cover on a dusty life and presents to the reader a methodically constructed narrative that reveals both the technical aspects and spiritual tradition of boatbuilding. And in doing so he captures—and intertwines—the past, present,

Photograph by Tad Merrick

and future of a New England coastal town.

Both lighthearted at times and tempered with moments of subtle wisdom, *Sloop* follows Robb's adventure from what begins as a niggling challenge and becomes, over time, a deeply rewarding accomplishment. In his own thoughtful style, he tells a sweet tale of love and loss and resurrection with the gentleness of one who has fully lived the journey.

Eventually the old Herreshoff sails again, and Robb quietly celebrates with a tour of his native waters and local haunts. He ends his story with a late fall overnight sail to Penikese Island, 14 miles up Buzzard's Bay, the centerpiece and landscape of his first book. In a way, he's ended up where we last left off with him. It's as good a reminder as any—whether intentional or not—that life may seem like a string of stories but is in fact one long tale.

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THE WORLD THAT TEENS INHABIT in *Initiation* (Flux, 2009), a young adult novel by Susan Fine, MA English '93, is searing, intense, and secretive—almost a separate galaxy spinning in its own space and time. Fine knows well the adolescent universe her 14-year-old characters struggle in, having taught English for 16 years in New York, Los Angeles, and Boston. She gives her young adult readers an absorbing look at one young man's journey through the teen microcosm, as he strives to figure out who he is and how he fits into his adopted community, St. Stephen's School for Boys.

The story begins when Mauricio Londoño, a new graduate of St. Stephen's, goes back to the school to look at his name on an award plaque. When he sees the school has, once again, spelled his name without the tilde over the N, he plunges into a full reflection of ninth grade, his first year at the private prep school.

As Mauricio explains, most of the boys at St. Stephen's had been students there since kindergarten, and they navigated the school with utter familiarity. But he was an outsider and outside his comfort zone from the beginning. Everything—the jacket-and-tie dress code, classes conducted around tables instead of at desks, the difficult level of work, and the wealth and sense of privilege his classmates exuded—was foreign to him.

Latino and middle class, Mauricio longed to fit in. He had chosen the private school because he wanted to become the "St. Stephen's gentleman" promised in its literature, but he had to learn to navigate a culture that he both admired and anguished over. "I had no idea what would come of packing all those boys into one school building," he recalls. "I could not imagine how the competition would play out in relentless insults, the constant sorting that went on every day, all day, to determine who was okay and who was worthless." To be "okay" took some doing. Some succeeded; others, like Mauricio, lingered in various states of turmoil.

From his 18-year-old vantage point, Mauricio reflects on the ninth graders' relentless pursuit of status, partly determined by being accepted by the right people and partly by participating in risky, seemingly adult, behavior—getting high, drinking, being a "friend with privileges," engaging in explicit banter. At the time, the kids seem to think they are making smart choices; yet, when Mauricio's classmates take a personal feud into cyberspace, events spiral out of control. The anonymous, online bullying and nasty cyber pranks result in Mauricio being falsely tagged as the culprit. Had Mauricio not gone to his parents for help, these events could have had horrific consequences for everyone.

Initiation is reassuring to the young reader because the boys learn important life lessons without having to experience a devastating tragedy first. And the adult intervention that Mauricio initiated offers a teaching moment; it underscores the oft-repeated message that kids can confide in trusted adults, and that adults can help.

Fine has crafted an engaging, pulsating story, electrically charged with teen angst. Young readers will identify with the painful introspection and self-doubt that accompany Mauricio's experiences and will be encouraged as he finds his full voice in the end.

—Regan Eberhart

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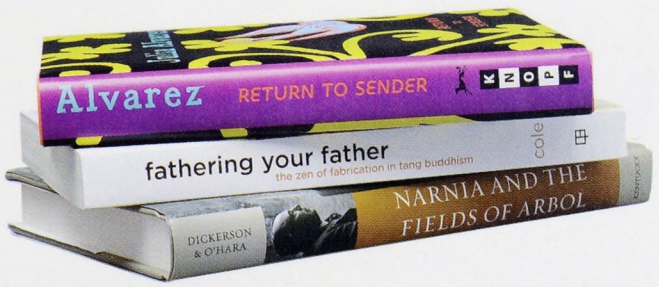

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■ *Water Dogs* (Random House, 2009) by LEWIS ROBINSON '93

■ *Return to Sender* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2009) by JULIA ALVAREZ '71

■ *Another Light* (Xlibris, 2008) by CHARLES BUTTERFIELD, MA ENGLISH '75, and LARRY WILLIAM RICHARDSON

■ *Armageddon Conspiracy* (Harbor House, 2008) by JOHN THOMPSON '72

■ *Fathering Your Father: The Zen of Fabrication in Tang Buddhism* (University of California Press, 2009) by ALAN COLE '85

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What do we mean by "Institutional Flexibility"?

By accounting for more than $14 million, gifts to the Annual Fund—unrelated to endowment fluctuations or restrictions—are key to keeping the College strong, relevant, and responsive.

text by Maria Theresa Stadtmueller

Charting Progress toward $500 Million
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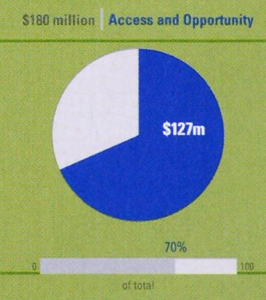

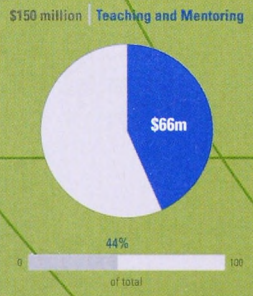

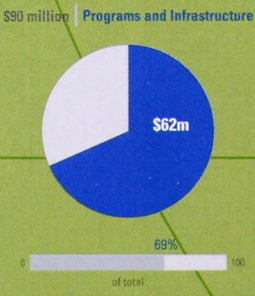

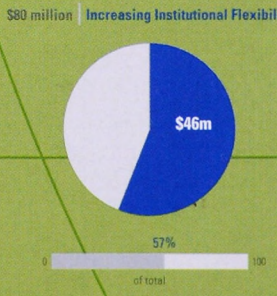

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What Bobo Sideli '77, P '08, '13 Wants You to Know about the Annual Fund

With his usual energy, Bobo Sideli, Chair of the Annual Fund Executive Committee, answers common questions.

What are some common misconceptions about the Annual Fund?

Earlier on, some people felt "my gift doesn't make a difference." The participation challenge we began in 2004 answered that: Each year we met a higher goal, and an anonymous donor gave Middlebury an additional million dollars. This final year, if alumni maintain last year's 60 percent giving rate, that donor will give Midd another million. All of that makes a difference.

Some alums wonder why the Annual Fund is part of the Middlebury Initiative, since usually a college campaign is all about endowment. They might think that during this campaign, their annual gift goes to the endowment, or wonder why we're raising money to be used right away. But look at it this way: At a spend rate of five percent from the endowment, it would take a $200 endowment gift to equal a $10 gift to the Annual Fund.

Some parents ask, "Why does the College need my gift? My student doesn't receive financial aid." *Everyone* receives financial aid, because the comprehensive fee only covers 63 percent of the real cost of a Middlebury education. My daughter Liana '08 used to explain this to her classmates—I trained her from day one. Every student gets a "hidden scholarship," and annual gifts from alumni and parents are a way to fund that.

Some people ask why the College is so expensive. Sometimes I ask that myself, but then I go to a student event or presentation and am totally blown away by the opportunities our students have. We've had a dramatic increase in programs and facilities since I was there in the mid-'70s, and the College and students are the better for it.

How do you answer alumni who say that given the economic crisis, they're giving to local causes?

I say, "Absolutely. Do that—and give to Middlebury! Give to your fire department, the food bank—I don't see it as an either/or question, since we're talking about participation. You don't have checks? It's ok—make your gift online with a credit card. You don't have a credit card? We take cash—just put five dollars in an envelope! I can see not giving if you have some deep-seated animosity from a bad experience. But you spent four years here, it changed your life, it makes a difference—it's a no-brainer."

Our participation goal this year is 60 percent—and I think about that every day.

OPENING DOORS: HOW A SCHOLARSHIP GIFT HAS CHANGED LIVES

A light went on when Judy Bosworth Roesset '62 learned that she could give $5,000 a year and have it go straight to a Middlebury student's scholarship. "I'd just inherited some money, and I decided to support a minority student," she recalls about setting up her first five-year commitment. "Education is what really matters in helping people get ahead." Education runs in the family—Roesset is a Spanish bilingual tester in the Austin, Texas, public schools, and her husband, Jose Manuel Roesset, is an engineering professor at Texas A&M. She chose to name this "expendable" scholarship—it's spent in the year given, rather than added to an endowment—in honor of Dr. Dorothea W. Brown, a retired African-American educator and dear friend. "She was very touched by having this gift named after her," Roesset says.

The gift has opened opportunities for Nadeghda Gonzalez '09 of Astoria, New York. An international studies major, she studied at the summer Arabic School, spent a year at Middlebury's School Abroad in Alexandria, Egypt, and was a summer fellow at the Institute for International Public Policy. "My goal for a very long time has been to work for the U.S. Foreign Service and improve U.S.-Middle East relations," Gonzalez notes. "I can't find the words to express my gratitude for this scholarship." As Gonzalez heads to graduate school, Judy Roesset's gift will be awarded to another ambitious student who needs it. And that brings great satisfaction to Roesset, who says, "If you get several people giving this way, it can change a lot of lives."

Photograph by Bridget Besaw

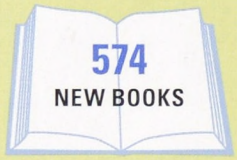
Supporting the Annual Fund has never been more important than right now. It's support the College can use right away, for what's needed most.

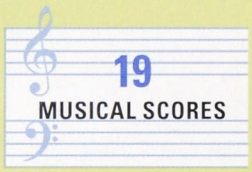
What the Annual Fund supports:

Library acquisitions in one month

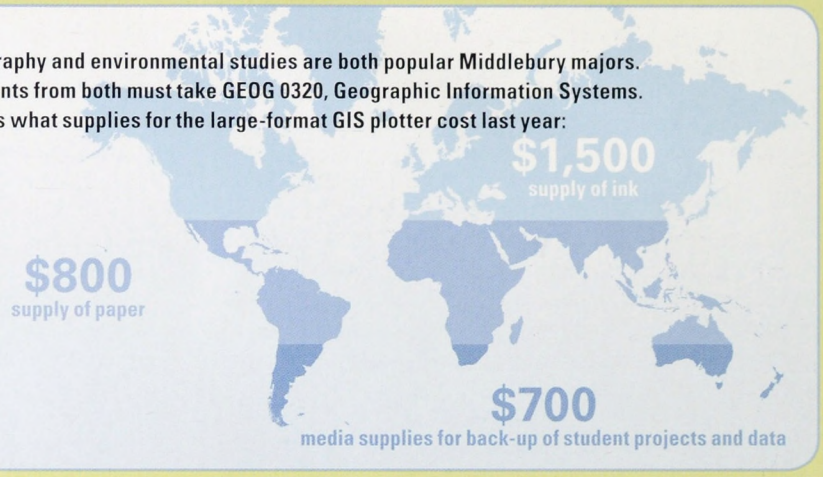
$14,852,000

OF THE COLLEGE'S ANNUAL BUDGET





Geography and environmental studies are both popular Middlebury majors. Students from both must take GEOG 0320, Geographic Information Systems. Here's what supplies for the large-format GIS plotter cost last year:



Heat and Power Do Grow on Trees: *One truckload of wood chips for the new biomass plant costs an average of $900. During heating season, the College uses 2-3 truckloads per day.*

The Annual Fund helps keep Middlebury connected

The physics department is running astronomy data; a junior in Madrid needs feedback from his adviser; a film major needs to store her video thesis; an alumna needs a transcript for graduate school—all made possible by Annual Fund gifts. The College's central computer and storage system was recently updated to 50 terabytes (that's 50,000 gigabytes)

And thanks to Annual Fund gifts by alumni and parents, Middlebury reaches around the globe with projects like these:

- The year-round BreadNet communications network connects Bread Loaf School of English students' classrooms worldwide.
- The Alliance for Civic Engagement connects Middlebury undergrads with organizations that need them—locally, nationally, and internationally.
- The Language Schools' new online newsletter, LS Midd News, keeps alumni and their professors connected worldwide with news about the schools, each other, and career opportunities.

What it takes:

Middlebury Calling

The Phone-a-thon's 25 students (from 4 U.S. states, 12 African and 2 Asian nations) spend hours each week calling alumni and asking them to participate in giving. As co-manager Tapfuma Chibaya '10 says, "I was nervous for my first few calls, but you get used to it, and you don't take it personally when someone says 'no.' I've had some great conversations with alumni."

10:1
Number of calls placed to number of people who pick up

about 1 out of 6
Number of alumni reached who give

$542,436
How much students raised in pledges last year

courses, professors, College lore, pranks pulled back in the day, student career plans
What the students and alumni chat about besides giving

"We have 67 class members raising funds, which is pretty remarkable in this economy. If someone can't give at the level they'd like, of course we understand. But I'm confident we'll reach our participation goal of 84 percent."

Tom Steinle '84,
co-chair of his 25th
Reunion Gift Committee

PROOF THAT EVERY GIFT COUNTS:

10,000 X $100 = $1,000,000 = 60%

IT WOULD TAKE 10,000 ADDITIONAL ALUMNI DONORS—EACH MAKING A GIFT OF $100—TO YIELD THE $1 MILLION THE COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR IF WE HIT 60 PERCENT PARTICIPATION.

(GIFTS ≤ $50) = $242,090

LAST YEAR, GIFTS OF $50 OR LESS ADDED UP—TO NEARLY $250,000.

Behind the Scenes: *In order to meet the participation challenge, nearly 750 alumni fund-raising volunteers—Class Agents and Reunion Gift Committee members—give their time to raise awareness of the College's need for annual support.*

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Living in a nursing home in Ayer, Mass., **Nancy Moores Poltrack** sent a note before the last Homecoming Weekend to say she couldn't travel to Middlebury for the event. She added that on the Sunday of that weekend, she'd be turning 98 years old. She wrote, "I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you fortunate enough to be there. I have many wonderful memories of my years at Middlebury. For example, in my freshman year I lived at 6 Storrs Avenue with seven other freshmen. My roommate, **Charlotte Adams**, and I lived on the second floor. There was an open porch adjoining our room and we moved our beds onto the porch, so as not to waste that fresh Vermont air. In time the other girls in the residence joined us. During the winter we bundled up in our heaviest clothing and frequently had to shake the snow from the blankets in the morning. We had such fun."

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Another classmate has left us. We remember **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** as a very active member of our class, assisting in the circulation of the *Kaleidoscope*, serving as advertising manager of the *Saxonian*, and assistant business manager for the Handbook. She was also active in many of the clubs. We send our sympathy to her family.
—Class Correspondent: *Alma Davis Struble, 147 West State St., Room 208, Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Gregory Craig, son of our late classmates, **Bill** and **Lois Bestor Craig**, was named White House counsel by Barack Obama in November in one of the first appointments by the president-elect. Greg Craig, as he is known in Washington and among the nation's media, is one of the Craigs' four sons. His brother, Thomas Craig, attended Middlebury with the Class of 1970 but graduated from Castleton. Bill died March 7, 2005, and Lois on April 14, 2006. Since Bill and Lois met each other at Middlebury, it might be said that the College played a major role in this presidential appointment. ✷ Our Class of 1937 Scholarship Fund has assisted a young man from New Hampshire, a history major, in completing his senior year. The College reports that 43 percent of the present student body receives some form of financial aid.
—Class Correspondent: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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At our 70th reunion we had the opportunity to meet some of our classmates' children and grandchildren who accompanied a parent or grandparent. So when I caught up recently with **Ivan Bunnell** and wife Alice, I learned more about their son Mark and his wife who had come with them from Kansas City. They are a delightful foursome and they happily spent several days together over New Year's. It seems Mark enjoys cooking so he did all the meal preparation, which added to the joy of their being together. Last August they were with son Gene and his family at a summer home on Keuka Lake in New York's Finger Lakes district. That reunion was a gathering of four generations from ages 2 to 92. Alice's enthusiasm came through over the phone as it did at our reunion. You may recall that Ivan and Alice live at a CCRC in Williamsville, N.Y. ✷ Another classmate who enjoyed a family gathering over the holidays was **Polly Overton Camp**. Her three sons and their families were able to be with her at her home in Southbury, Conn. And on the weekend after Thanksgiving, Polly spent Saturday with **Betty Osborne Peelor** and her daughter, Linda. A fabulous time was had by all. ✷ Well, three of us can share a few book titles with you that we have read. **Janet Randall Morgan**, who is an avid reader, mentioned *A Time to Kill* by John Grisham. She also spoke of Edith Wharton's *The Touchstone*. I spent four days last October with Janet at her home in Rhode Island. And in January, Janet traveled to Nicaragua with daughter Helen and husband Rick. They flew to Managua, then drove two and a half hours to the coast near Rivas where Janet's son Bucky has a home. ✷ **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** is reading the remarkable biography by Queen Noor, *Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life*. I also enjoyed it and wouldn't hesitate to suggest it. Have any of you read *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen? Don't miss it! ✷ I was saddened to learn of the death of **Katherine Flint** on November 1, 2008. She had lived in Washington, D.C., for many years and when I talked with her last, she spoke of a niece who lived nearby and often took her shopping or for a drive. To her family we send our condolences. A memorial will appear in a future issue. Kay was one of the 13 freshmen who lived at Eddy House. I guess, Betty Peelor, you and I are the only ones living out of the 13. ✷ Speaking of living, I am so glad that I'm here to see Barack Obama inaugurated! What a remarkable achievement. He will need all the support from his countrymen as he faces the challenges that he is inheriting.
—Class Correspondent: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 3312 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Jane Myers Hunter '64 sent a note saying her mother, **Betty Vaughan Myers**, passed away on December 17, 2008. She wrote: "My mother had recently celebrated her 90th birthday with me and my husband, David. After living in Vermont for most of her life, she moved to Deland, Fla., once she retired from the libraries of both Middlebury (Starr) and UVM. She loved her years at Middlebury, both as a student and as a staff member. She enjoyed hiking and camping along the Long Trail in Vermont with the Green Mountain Club as well as hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail with her many friends. She traveled widely throughout Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Orient, as well as all over the United States, often with Elderhostel programs." A memorial will appear in a future issue. ✷ I (Roger) had a not-so-close encounter with **Suzanne Stalker Slocum**, who died May 14, 2008, during Freshman Week in the fall of 1935. The freshmen came to school for a week before the other students to get acquainted with the College. One of the activities was a treasure hunt. Sue and I were partners for the hunt. We set off on a cool September day, ending up where the Otter Creek winds the willow on its journey to the sea. A full moon hung in the sky like a pendant opal. We paused from our labors. I announced that I had a surprise for her. She moistened her lips and threw back her tumbling locks expecting to be kissed. I reached in my pocket and pulled out a frog, which had been on our list. Disappointed she muttered something in French and bounded off toward the campus. My sixteen-year-old heart was broken. A few weeks later I saw Sue walking arm in arm with a senior who wore a Midd sweater with rings on the sleeves, indicating he was the captain of football. I was unhappy until I spotted **Elizabeth Anne Dunning**. ✷ Dr. **Boyd Carr** writes, "This has been the year from hell for me." First, he had a total knee replacement, which went reasonably well. Second, he slipped on some snow-covered ice and broke the femur in the same leg that had the knee replacement. The break was in several places so they inserted some titanium. Third, he slipped again breaking several ribs and puncturing a lung. Outside of that he loves retirement, filling his time with reading, using the computer, playing bridge, working in the yard, chopping wood, and building. He personally added a dining room, porch, and a 25-by-15 foot living area to his home. He also visits the College quite often, passing through the mountains as he comes from New Hampshire. He and his wife plan to attend the 70th reunion, June 5–7.
—Class Correspondent: *A. Roger Clarke (arogerclarke@aol.com), 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607.*

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Having little response to requests for news about our fellow classmates, I decided to regress to one of my old-time professional activities, the House Call. I visited **Ed Morse** and found that he was in good health and living comfortably with wife Inger by the edge of the ocean in Owl's Head, Maine, on Ginn Point (not, he says, Gin Point). I more recently learned that he had his hip replaced. He didn't fall or break his hip, he just wore it out and it was time for a retread. He's getting along well following surgery. ✷ On our way north from Thanksgiving with our daughter in North Carolina, we stopped and spent the night with **Martha Taylor Elliott**. She was still reveling in the celebration of her 90th birthday, which sounded like a blast according to the reports. She's

in good health and good spirits. She has a remarkable collection of every one of the abbreviated books that Reader's Digest has ever issued, neatly arranged in a very large bookcase, built specially for them. ✳ By telephone, I contacted **Ken Temple**, who is well and resides in an assisted living establishment where he seems to be happy and content. He has given up playing and teaching bridge as it produces too much eyestrain. He sounds like his old self. ✳ I also called **Curtis McDowell** who lives in an assisted living facility as well. He's in good health, although he is not up to his old antics on the tennis court. His daughters are planning a 90th birthday celebration for him. They are a very attentive group who keep close track of him and look after his needs very well. ✳ I made a double try for **Bob Grant**. We went to his house in New Jersey and there was no one home. Our travel plans were so uncertain that I had not called him in advance. On returning to Maine, I finally reached him the day he moved into an apartment that his son, Bob Jr., had fixed up in his home, only three houses from where Bob lived for many years. He was in good spirits and sounded just like he always did on the phone. He has given up his income tax work and is now fully retired. ✳ I am sad to report that several classmates have passed away. **Almy Coggeshall** died on January 1, 2009, at 91. I always thought that Almy was indestructible and would most likely live forever, after he survived the fall from the fifth floor slate roof of Hepburn Hall on Halloween 1936 when he was lowering a cow skull containing a candle to hang in front of **Stanley Saunders**' window on the fourth floor. He suffered only a badly comminuted fracture of his wrist and a small rupture of his diaphragm. So he survived and remained one who would, as we would say today, think "outside the box." He was active in the Mountain Club at Midd and continued his interest by becoming one of the important members of the Adirondack Mountain Club, serving as president. The club prospered under his leadership and honored him by renaming one forest the Almy Coggeshall Plotter Kill Preserve in 1990. We shall miss him. ✳ **Paul "Togo" Eriksson** passed away on December 4, 2008. He was one of the more active members of our class, both athletically and academically, and was involved in publishing the *Campus*. He took part in many of our social activities, being chairman of Junior Week and serving on the Soph Hop Committee. During his period of military service, his longtime interest in homing pigeons caused him to be assigned to the Pigeon Section. Later he became a code clerk in the South Pacific while on active duty with the U.S. Army. Paul followed his literary interests and spent most of his professional life in the book business. He eventually established Paul S. Eriksson, Publisher and moved it to Vermont in 1976. We will miss Paul and offer our condolences to wife Peggy Woods Eriksson '42 and the rest of his family. ✳ **Constance Trottier Shea** passed away on November 10, 2008. Her son, Tom '73, wrote the following: "My mother passed away early Monday morning at the age of 88 following a long illness. Middlebury was always important to her, and she was active in alumni giving and reunions earlier in her life. She met my dad, Edward Shea '43, at an alumni weekend shortly after his return from military service in the European theater during WWII. He predeceased her 12 years ago, just one year short of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their love for the College and long friendships with Ma and Red Kelly '31, Gordie Perine '49, Fred Neuberger '50, and many others led them to strongly encourage my uncle Richard Shea '50, my sister Linda '74, and me to attend." Our sympathy is sent to all the family. ✳ Memorials for these classmates will appear in future issues of the magazine. ✳ **Ed Reichert** spent the winter in semi-hibernation at his home in Gorham, N.H., eagerly waiting for the snow to melt and the fairways to become passable again. ✳ Come to our Class of 1940 mini-reunion on campus the weekend of June 5–7!

—Class Correspondent: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Correspondent **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens** reports: A call to **Margaret Shaub** brought news of **Ray Unsworth**'s 90th birthday party on January 3. She and **Jean Connor** attended this gala event where Ray and **Norma (Winberg)** welcomed their four children and 13 grandchildren. ✳ Margaret also had a message from **Jane Skillman Sara** who is keeping busy with her craft shop. She took time off for a cruise to Hawaii then took a short trip to West Point for her grandson's graduation, followed by a few days visiting her brother in New Jersey. ✳ A telephone call from **Mary Stetson Farquhar** (my Middlebury roommate for three years) was a very special Christmas gift. Health problems restrict Mary, but she was able to spend Christmas Day with her son and family. She is happy to have him and a daughter nearby. ✳ A note from **Doris Wolff Bartlett** said she'd been ill for several months so she and Charlie will move to assisted living within their present community (same address and phone). Our best wishes go to them. ✳ **Ruth "Packy" Packard Jones** called to say she was well and that she spent the holidays with children. ✳ As I was finishing these notes I received a call that I had a new great-grandson. I now have four boys and one girl. All from two daughters and four grandchildren!

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This is being written on January 3, 2009, the beginning of a new year—a year in which we all look forward to hope, love, and peace. And isn't it quite amazing to think come June this year we will have seen 67 years since our graduation from Middlebury? ✳ I heard from several of you during the holiday season (many thanks to all). **Sue Hulings Ottinger** is glad she made the move back to Baton Rouge, La., though she returned to Albuquerque, N.M., to be with family for Christmas 2008. ✳ **Bill** and Elizabeth "Tommy" Ring '44 **Hennefrund** report that "we octos are living a nice, quiet life, enjoying close-by outings and home time." Bill's humor never leaves him. Thank goodness for that. ✳ A nice Christmas note came from **Virgie Witte Miller**. She and Bill are still in Arizona though they have had thoughts of moving to a retirement residence. They have shelved the thoughts, however. She always looks forward to news of '42ers in this magazine (don't we all?) and remains (again, don't we all?) nostalgic for the campus we knew. ✳ Dottie and **Dixie Davis** are "doing okay." They don't travel as much as in the past but enjoy family, friends, and JAZZ. ✳ **Nina Camuti Danielsen** writes that she's fine except for the normal aging aches and pains. She keeps busy with various activities especially in a thrift shop, which she enjoys. She closed her note with "...and may 2009 bring many blessings to you and our classmates." ✳ My year had a few bumps—mostly ironed out by now—but I am still in excellent health for an 88-year-old. ✳ I asked **Bob Northrup**, who still lives in Underhill, Vt., with wife Julia, to share the following story: "As I was growing up, my father always encouraged me to play baseball and golf. He was a semipro ballplayer and a great golfer. Instead, I did not like golf and was terrible at baseball, but when he took me to hike in New Hampshire's White Mountains and to the Berkshires in Massachusetts, I knew I had discovered something I really loved to do. So in the summer of 1937, I hiked the Long Trail, from one end of Vermont to the other, taking three weeks for the 280 miles. My companion was a high school varsity soccer player. We got along fine but afterwards he said he thought he'd stick to a 'level playing field.' Then in 1938, after applying only to Middlebury, I did it again. Returning home after the hike, I found my letter of acceptance. Celebration time! Unfortunately I stayed only two years at Midd, but had a great time with the same roommate, **James McPherson**, who, sad to say, passed away on September 13, 2008. Paul Moody was president and we listened to him, John Kirk, and others at daily mandatory chapel. We looked forward to that 10 a.m. break in our daily class routine. The French I learned from Claude Bourcier and Stephen Freeman was good enough for a transfer to the French Army from August 15, 1944, until the end of WWII. I very much appreciate my time at Middlebury College and have attended many wonderful events there during the last 50 years as Julia and I have raised our seven children. Now there are 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Over the years I have hiked the Long Trail five more times. The last time, in 2001, was at age 80 with my son Stephen, who was 47, and his son, Robert, who was 14. It was one of the best times of my life—to spend three weeks hiking with a son and grandson." Thanks for the story, Bob.

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Correspondent **John Gale** reports: **Dick** and Lee Van Leuvan '45 **Morehouse** returned to their Camden, Maine, abode in early November, after spending five months on Vinalhaven, where Dick was able to drive his tractor and golf cart, other driving being left to Lee. While there, Dick designed a house on the island for a summer resident from Buffalo, so he's been keeping busy. ✳ In January **Lew Haines** reported that with 20 below in Anchorage, he was heading for Sarasota, Fla., and thinking more seriously about moving there. He gets about with a walker now but spirits are high as usual. ✳ **Warren Hassmer** continued his outdoor gardening activities until snowfall this past December, then turned his attention to the repair of his large, aged greenhouse, bird-watching, and providing needed care for his companion Bob. ✳ **Bob** and **Ann Cole Byington** became great-grandparents late last fall with the birth of a

great-grandson to granddaughter Callie in Portland, Maine. Bob continues to swim 40 pool lengths several times a week and works out in their fitness room on the off days. ✷ **Howie Friedman** and Daisy have moved to Montpelier, Vt., where their son lives. Their address is 171 Main St., Apt. 8, Montpelier, VT 05602; Tel: 802.229.0310. He's impatient with a slow recovery following a partial knee replacement, which hampered his hiking during their two-month stay on St. John, V.I., last summer. Says wife Daisy is well. ✷ Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble**'s daughter Cindy reports that Mandy remains in the nursing unit at Kendal in Hanover, N.H. A stroke six years ago resulted in loss of speech and ability to walk but she comprehends much of what's spoken to her and her sense of humor and personality come out through changing facial expressions. She's out of bed in a wheelchair all day and is taken to the dining room for meals. Jim is doing well. The address is 80 Lyme Road, Hanover, NH 03755. Cards would be welcome. ✷ In January **Scott** and **Putt Wolff Eakeley** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in their own home. Scott has severe loss of vision from macular degeneration, but his hearing remains good and Books on Tape are used frequently. They now have a driver since Putt has given that up. Scott says, "We're hanging in." ✷ **Bud Nims** was on temporary disability from his Wal-Mart job when I called in January, due to development of a foot ulcer related to his diabetes. He wears a special boot that prevents pain but also prevents him from driving; and he walks with a cane. Until the ulcer appeared, he was exercising regularly at the gym. ✷ Cutler Silliman, **Kay Sempepos Silliman**'s widower, is happy in his retirement community's one-bedroom apartment. He's able to drive his car, but took the train to his son's Cape Cod home for the Christmas holidays. ✷ Correspondent Ann Byington reports: **Gertrude "Scotty" Lacey Thornton** resides in a retirement home in Atlantic Beach, Fla. Activities are numerous so she enjoys life there. ✷ **Ginny Clemens Lowman** has been slowed down a bit due to a fall at home that fractured her hip. However, she and Rod are still active in Girl Scout volunteering and attended a meeting in Vancouver with Canadian Girl Guides. They also had a great visit to Victoria and the Butchart Gardens, which is a National Historic Site of Canada. They have a son in the Atlanta, Ga., area and a daughter in Austin, Texas. ✷ **Jean Jordan Sheild** leads a very active life with season tickets to basketball games and the symphony. She and her husband are still in their home and are doing lots of volunteer work at the elementary school in language arts. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Jean enjoys reading about classmates' activities. ✷ **Betty Attenhofer Van Valkenburg** has no news to report but she seems content and in good health. ✷ **Lois Groben Doe** has become a "foster mother" for homeless cats—unofficially! But cats are welcome at her home. ✷ Sadly we must report that **Charlotte Johnson Doe** passed away on September 19, 2008. Our sympathy is sent to her family and friends. ✷ We will appreciate any news of activities or any changes of address sent to us at the addresses below.

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Neil and **Marylu Graham Atkins** had some news to report: A card from **Ruth Waldmann** said that she'd moved from Long Island to Texas, where her niece is living. Her new home is at Briarcliff Health Center, 3403 South Vine Avenue, Tyler, TX 75701. ✷ **Dorothy Brown Clark** is enjoying her 16th year at Evergreen Woods, in North Branford, Conn. She and Jim '43 share their very active retirement life with other Midd alumni like Skip Wilkin Dimond '43 and Virginia Carpenter Halstead '43 and husband Gordon. Dot wishes everyone a fine time at the 65th reunion, although she isn't planning to attend herself. ✷ **Jane Nielsen** sends greetings from Hawaii. Come June, she really wants to be in Vermont to see old friends and check out all the changes on the Midd campus. Last May, Jane took her annual trip to Guadalajara, staying at Rio Caliente, "a wonderful spa in a secluded valley." Two weeks in October found her on her second cruise on M/S *Paul Gauguin*, this time in the South Pacific, around French Polynesia (Tahiti), the Cook Islands, and the Tuamotus. An extra fillip to the trip: Jacques Cousteau's son was on board. ✷ We (Neil and Marylu) are happy to say that one of our younger grandsons, who joined the Marines in June, graduated from boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., with a meritorious promotion to PFC. He is enrolled in the program leading to four years in college. He was an excellent student and athlete in high school and was excited about joining the Marines and still is. Our plan was to spend some time in Sarasota, Fla., in March with daughter Meg. With this issue we welcome **Elizabeth "Tommy" Ring Hennefrund** and **Ruth "Ricki" Wheaton Evans** as they take over the position as class correspondents. We have greatly enjoyed our 14 years in the position and wish Tommy and Ricki a successful tenure. As we say goodbye, we want to send our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those classmates who, through the years, have faithfully sent us news to include in the '44 column. We hope all who can are planning to come to our 65th reunion. We're looking forward to it. ✷ Tommy and Ricki report: We'd like you to join us in thanking Marylu and Neil for the 14 years they've kept us together through class notes. We're looking forward to continuing to keep us together, sharing all the news you send our way. ✷ In the meantime, the perfect way for us to reconnect will be at our 65th reunion June 5–7. Please do come. We'll look forward to seeing you!

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Class correspondent **Ray Walch** reports: First of all, I would like to thank **Alan Wolfley** for his many years as our correspondent for men and for the fine job he did. I have volunteered to take over for him. As for me, my wife, Marion, and I are celebrating our 59th wedding anniversary this April. We have five children and 10 grandchildren. Most of my career was spent as an educator in Westport, Conn., in various roles from teacher to high school principal. I also worked three years as associate professor at a state college. From 1960–1985 I coauthored math textbooks for grades K–8 for the Scott Foresman Co. I took my pension from Connecticut in 1973 and we have been in Florida since 1975. The late **Hugh Mathews** and I returned to Midd for several reunions and for several years I played in the Gordie Perine '49 Golf Tournament. Now I just think about it. I prefer to play some chess and do Sudoku. I still ride a bicycle and swim now and then. We have one son who lives nearby and has two daughters who are over six feet tall. They play varsity volleyball at the high school next door to our park. I would like to hear from you all. Stay well or get well! ✷ **Mary Elizabeth "Mew" Wisotzkey McClellan** has agreed to serve as the class correspondent for women. Please send news to her at the address below.

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Doris Smith Earnshaw wrote to say her granddaughter began college life at the Univ. of Calif.-Santa Cruz this year, a three-hour drive away. She says, "When I think of the daylong train ride from New York to Vermont in the 1940s when the train would stop suspended 50 feet over the Hudson River, and we'd ride with the Bennington girls who were also on the train, I laugh again at our twice-a-year trek to Vermont. And wasn't it worth it!" ✷ John and **Connie Smith Carpenter** continue to be very happy in their nice cottage at a 300-person retirement home in Shelburne, Vt. Both Connie and John are still very active and both very well. ✷ **Kay Craven** says that everything is going splendidly with her on Cape Cod and that she finds plenty of activities on the Cape, even in the occasional snow. ✷ We have also heard from **Joanne Davis Hohmeister**, **Alice Thorn Laquer**, **Kathy Rowley Tuttle**, and **Lucinda Darby Westmoreland** and are glad to report that they are all happy and that all had great holidays with family and friends. ✷ **Barbara Flink Ewels**, after recovering from her alligator-in-the-swimming-pool incident last winter, was able to find more problems this past December 2008. An ice storm knocked out power to her New Hampshire house for 11 days. The outage was followed by a power surge that "fried" appliances, phones, clocks, etc. Quite an icy and unpleasant experience. ✷ Speaking of winter experiences, **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** report from their Florida home about the problems of decorating the outside of the house for Christmas. Although the temperature was in the 80s, the wind chill made it seem more like 77 or 78 degrees. We hope you can appreciate what we had to endure.

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Jean Mace Burnell spent Thanksgiving in Santa Cruz, Calif., with her daughter and fiancé who recently moved there from Chicago to begin postdoctoral positions. She's at Stanford and he's at the Univ. of Calif.-Santa Cruz. Jean says a wedding is planned for this summer. ✷ Our 50th reunion was the first **Carl Parkinson** ever attended and he had such a good time, he planned to attend the 60th. He was unable to due to a conflict, but now he is looking forward to attending the 65th. He and his wife were very

WAR STORIES

War on the scale that our generation experienced during WWII was a time when extremes—extreme violence and extreme benevolence—were daily norms. In retrospect it can be seen as an infinite series of improbable ironies that determined who lived and who did not, and whose mental and physical lives were impaired and who escaped unharmed. When Sumner House '41 applied for a commission in the Marines, he chose PBY flying boats for advanced training. The importance of his decision became evident some months later when I was reading some "After Action" reports of the battle of Midway. There were five Marines training in my fighter group at Opa Locka, Fla., which Summy would have been in had he selected fighter training rather than reconnaissance. When we received our orders at the end of training, all five Marines were sent to San Diego for transportation to an unannounced destination. From the action report I discovered they had been sent to Midway and given obsolete fighter planes to attack the Japanese. All were killed. Similarly, when we were stationed in Jacksonville Naval Air Station, one night there was a knock on the door after lights out. In came Mal Bird '41, who had been president of our freshman class. He had married a Midd girl (Marjorie Tomlinson '43), gone through flight school, and received his commission. He was flying night searches from Pensacola over the Gulf of Mexico and had to land at Jacksonville due to fog at his home base. We had a great reunion but that was the last time we saw him—six months later his plane failed to return from a similar mission. As I was getting my discharge papers in Boston in late 1945, I came upon an awards ceremony for Bill Bursaw '41, recognizing him for outstanding performance of his duty with his PT boat squadron. Freshman year, Bill, Mal Bird, Roswell Schenck '41, and I lived off campus on South Street. Lucien Lyons '41 lived nearby. With a scintillating sense of humor, Lucien loved to show us his unique plan to avoid military service—he'd remove his shoes and reveal his feet that were so flat he could clap them as easily as his hands. Apparently the humorless military failed to agree with him and in 1944 he was reported to have been killed in action. Second semester of freshman year, I moved to Starr to share a room with Bud Curl '41. Upon graduation, Bud went to work for a defense contractor and was exempt from military service. For his own reasons, he left that job and entered the service. Like Mal Bird, he went on a flight that never returned. As class secretary for members of the Men's College those years, I was able, to some extent, to know where many of our class could be found. It seems to me that when extraordinarily difficult things were to be undertaken, Middlebury graduates could be found meeting the challenges.

—Robert Johnson '41

I served in Vietnam from July 1966 until June 1967. My first job was secretary to the deputy commanding general of personnel and administration at U.S. Army headquarters in Tan Son Nhut on the outskirts of Saigon. Since male stenographers used Remington typewriters, we were given the nickname "Remington Raiders." I then worked for Civic Action and taught English at the Don Bosco School, also in Tan Son Nhut. On the night of December 7, 1966, the Viet Cong bombed the Air Force base right near Tent City B where our barrack was located. The ground shook so I thought we were having an earthquake. My buddy and I put on our trousers and combat boots and were told to grab our rifles and leave the building immediately. I was amused to see my buddy taking his mattress as we ran down the stairs. When I asked him what he was doing, he said he was planning to sleep. Unfortunately he caught the mattress on some barbed wire and the insides shredded everywhere. As we headed to the moat surrounding our building to hide, I commented to my friend Charlie, "Today is the 25th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor." Charles responded, "Only you, Gerry, could think of such a thing at a time like this." Damage was minimal and in about half an hour we were told to go back to bed, but first the cooks gave us an early breakfast.

—Gerald Lunderville, MA Spanish '69

After graduating ROTC, attending flight school in 1959 and helicopter school in 1964, I did my first tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966–67 in Cu Chi, 20 miles north of Saigon. I was part of the Centaurs, an air cavalry troop the Army formed in early 1966. At one point we came across a huge pile of rice a few air miles west of Go Dau Ha firebase. The pile was at least 20 feet high, 100 feet around. We put our heads together to figure out a way to make it unusable to the Viet Cong. We thought if we could get it burning, it might slowly destroy itself. Someone suggested we make our own napalm with soap flakes and gasoline. We had empty 155 MM cases, detonation cards with phosphorous granules, and a five-second timer on the detonation cards. We made up about half a dozen of these "bombs" and took off to the rice pile. At 600 feet over the pile, our first attempt to drop a bomb wasn't so hot. The bomb exploded too high and had little effect on the rice. On the next run we flew in a little lower. The trooper pulled the detonation pin and pushed the bomb out the door; it hit the rice pile and exploded. Very little fire ignited. So we dropped the rest and hoped the napalm mixture would penetrate the rice and make it unusable for the enemy. It did!

—Lt. Col. Charles "Tony" Robinson '58 (Retired)

thrifty when the gas prices were so high. They have a handy golf cart and, when possible, have used that to drive to nearby grocery stores and amenities they have in Sun City, S.C., where they live. Having traveled a lot, they've visited all the states and all the Canadian provinces, plus some parts of Mexico. Over last Thanksgiving, they took a cruise to the Caribbean, then ended up in Orlando, Fla., where they spent their 60th wedding anniversary. ✷ **Ray Clark**, still ghostwriting for the inarticulate in and around Green Valley, Ariz., has married off four grandchildren in the last two years. The latest wedding, on November 8, 2008, took place in the same Tucson church where Ray and his late wife, Nancy, were married on November 6, 1943. ✷ **Valerie Williams Burkig** and husband still live with their younger son, his wife, and a granddog. They lead a quiet life but live vicariously through their children and grandchildren. Val had cataract surgery on both eyes and is able to see much better. ✷ **Muriel Mack Lamppert** was thrilled when daughter Linda asked her to travel with her to Germany last September. Muriel had not been abroad for 10 years and was concerned that the long transatlantic flight would be too much, but all went smoothly and they had a wonderful time. They spent the first weekend in Hamburg where Linda had lived in her student days, and then went on to Heidelberg where Linda has an office. Muriel said it was a lot easier traveling with someone who knows the language. ✷ **Virginia Lee Costello** continues to find participation in OLLI, the Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass-Boston, very rewarding. She enjoys the social aspect as well as the learning and enjoys her membership on the board of directors and on the curriculum committee. Last spring she attended the New England Regional Lifelong Conference and found it eye-opening to hear about all the many different things the New England programs are doing. Last summer she traveled to Garmisch-Partenkirchen in southern Germany to visit her brother. Then in September she visited two of her daughters in San Francisco. A fun trip in August with another daughter took her to Newport, Vt., where the highlight was seeing Andy '50 and **Steeny Rolls Pepin**. ✷ **Marion Durkee Stillman** says 2008 was not a great year. Son David was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus and had surgery in October. That was followed by nine weeks of chemotherapy. On August 12 Marion's blood pressure was so high, she was sent to the hospital. A CAT scan showed a tumor on the brain but as it was benign, Marion opted not to have surgery. On the plus side, she did get to Canada to see a cousin she had not seen in years. She also got to see *South Pacific*. ✷ **Janet Rogers Enzmann** and husband George combined an Elderhostel and their annual trip to California with great success. They boated on the Sacramento and Napa rivers, saw vineyards, tasted wines, and trampled through a buried forest flattened by an extinct volcano. Then they visited their daughter and family in San Francisco where they all made the excursion to Alcatraz. Their last drive to California from Washington over the Siskiyou Mountains was such a killer (rain, sleet, snow, wind) that they have decided their reunions will only be in spring or summer. Janet spent a lot of time at a museum near home cleaning up the library and the new archives for everyone to admire. To her surprise, the party she was preparing for turned out to be for her. She was honored with a plaque on the door and "has become part of Island history—willy-nilly." She and George have enrolled in National Geographic's Genographic Project, which uses DNA to trace human migration out of Africa in ancient times to all parts of the world.

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Correspondent **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** reports: **Kaye Sturges Trimmer** moved to Wilton, Conn., a year ago to live next door to her daughter. Her address is 21 Hubbard Road, Unit 1, Wilton, CT 06897. She finally retired at age 80 after 20 years of writing standardized tests and 26 years teaching. "I've had many physical challenges this past year (which is why I had to miss reunion), but I expect better days ahead." ✳ After learning that **Barbara Vehling Bowles** and **Ann Walthall Kittredge** had passed away, **Lee Robbins Otorowski** wrote that she remembered both well. "Barbara was a defiant gal and very independent. Ann was a nice friend and a classy and true person with common sense who blossomed in her senior year and became more outspoken in defense of particular ideals or principles." Lee went on to talk about the three years she lived in Pearsons. "I had a most remarkable friend and roommate, Keefie (**Gertrude Keefe**), who had a fantastic, unique sense of humor but she passed away in the 1970s. I do believe that during the college years the influences of fellow students add to our depth of understanding and life enjoyment as much as the college courses." ✳ **Charlie** and **Mim Wade Butts** sent remembrances about **Barbara Morss Marshall** who passed away on December 11: "She was an active member of the Mountain Club and its Skyline Governing Board. She studied photography with the famous Ansel Adams and had her work published and in exhibitions. We kept in touch in recent years and, in 1989, she traveled with us on a two-week tour we conducted to Scotland's Western Highlands." They went on to write about their busy fall: "We were involved in two major projects. As board members of the Partnership of the Historic Bostons, we participated in the fourth annual Boston Charter Day celebration in September. Then later in September we organized and led a group of 26 members of the Lexington Historical Society on a four-day bus tour called 'Downeast Coastal Connections: Castine, Maine, to Campobello, New Brunswick.' Campobello was the summer home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and visiting it evokes significant memories for our generation. We have conducted this tour several times and have reservations for another in the spring of 2010. Anyone interested?" ✳ There were other travelers in our class last year including **Janet Small Adams** and husband Charles who made their annual trek from Alaska to spend four and a half months in Maine. ✳ Bruce and **Patricia Malone Bothwell** went to the Berkshires for a few days of Tanglewood concerts, spent their usual week in the Adirondacks, and traveled to Colorado to visit family in Boulder, taking in Rocky Mountain National Park while they were there. ✳ **Jean Webster Skoien** and husband spent a lot of time traveling between Tampa, Fla., and northern Georgia where they have a second home, and took a trip to western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. But they say the highlight of the year was their tour of Tuscany, Italy, organized for Midd alumni. ✳ **Kit Spaulding Ragone** writes, "All along we had planned to retire in the Boston area, and we have done so, not far from our two children and three grandchildren. We've also adopted the motto of a former Michigan baseball coach, 'keep one foot in the air,' and have done a good deal of traveling, mostly in Europe. Lately it has become a little difficult because of aching knees, but I'm doing something about it. I had my right knee replaced a couple of months ago and hope to have the left one done soon. Then we'll get one foot in the air again." ✳ Several others have joined Kit in getting knee replacements: **Natelle Benson Fraioli** (last December), **Edith Titus Harman**'s husband Mortimer '47 (March), and yours truly (Liz) who had two done (last June and October). Surely there are others out there who have gone this same route so let us hear from you. ✳ Correspondent **Sandy Rosenberg** reports: **Tom Johnson** writes that the folks of Addison County are proud of their efforts to reduce our dependence on Arab oil by generating electricity from cow manure at a mega-dairy in Bridport, and using wind turbines at the College, Addison Elementary School, and several private properties. He hopes that a small hydro generation station will be operating at the Otter Creek falls soon. ✳ I'm sorry to report that **John Carpenter** passed away on October 31, 2008. We send our sympathy to his family. ✳ After the cruise Rita and I took to Alaska last July, we balanced things by cruising to the Mexican Riviera on the M/S *Star Princess* in November. It was warm and sunny everywhere and the sun worshipers had their fill. At our age cruising is the best way to vacation and enjoy a complete change of pace. ✳ Please keep those cards and letters coming in. Your classmates really enjoy hearing about you.

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Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: It is with deep sadness that I tell of the death of **Cleone Jones Sporborg** on November 17, 2008. We were roommates all four years in college and remained good friends for the ensuing years, even though miles and busy lives separated us. The past four years we talked at least several times a month and shared many fond memories of our college days and current concerns, and had lots of laughs and support for each other. Her daughter, Harriet, wrote me in early December: "We have, of course, always heard how you introduced our parents. (Although the length of time it took them to become engaged varies from 24 hours to two weeks.) Dad (Anthony "Tony" Sporborg '50) is doing very well sorting through all the paperwork and issues that have arisen. Ham (Hamilton Sporborg '74) kept Dad busy most of the time with men's stuff and the grandchildren were there giving him love and support." A tribute to a long and happy marriage. Tony and Cleone loved Scotland—it's nice to know they were able to be there last September and had a great time. When they returned they visited daughter Libby and family in Maryland. Tony said the day Cleone passed away she was at the doctor's office smiling and cheerful as always. Our deepest sympathy to Tony, and to Ham, Harriet, and Libby and their families. ✳ What delightful surprise to receive a lovely letter from **Virginia "Gee" Anthony Soule** with news of herself and her sister, **Winnie Anthony Stearns**. Gee writes, "For age 81, I am happy to report that both Winnie and I are basically very fit which means no death-dealing setbacks! I have lived for 30 years in New London, N.H., a lovely little college town (Colby-Sawyer), a place of much natural beauty. Three months every summer are spent 10 miles away in paradise on Lake Sunapee. My two sons, confirmed 40ish bachelors, live nearby—Doug, with a good hands-on job, here in New London, and Alan, a McGill graduate with 'distinction,' with his own CPA firm in Sunapee. Winnie and husband, a 1949 Dartmouth grad, retired 20 years ago to Hanover, just 25 miles away. We talk every day. Her two spectacular kids live on the West Coast and she is now savoring having her oldest grandson, a National Merit finalist, at Dartmouth and on the football squad." Gee goes on to say, "2008 was a banner year for me in that I fulfilled a long-held dream of giving to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests a conservation easement in perpetuity on the Anthony family's dearly loved summer place, Rockwall Farms on Lake Sunapee. It was bought by my parents in 1931. The SPNHF can only accept one in four requests for protection so I worked through the year with a delightful young man, the director of land protection, who steered me through the process." Congratulations, Gee, on your acceptance. ✳ Last November **Priscilla "Keetsie" Noyes Crosson** fulfilled a lifelong desire on her 80th birthday—to skydive! Accompanied by an instructor, she made the tandem jump from about 11,000 feet. Ask her about it at reunion! ✳ I had a nice chat with **Barbara "Buzz" Myers White**. Her grandson Thomas, a student at NYU, is a double bass jazz player and has played at the Kennedy Center. He is also doing a program on the Internet. She was looking forward to skiing over the holidays this winter. Good for you, Buzz. ✳ More sad news to report: The College notified me of the death of **Priscilla "Davey" Davis Ballou** on September 27, 2008. Our sincere condolences to husband Chris and family. ✳ After 20 years, **Dorcas Neal Gracey** retired from a twice-a-year job as a program director of a symposium at the National Defense Univ.—mostly geopolitics. She'll miss it. ✳ Correspondent **Bob Whittier** reports: Our roaming ambassadors, **Pat** and **Kay Mulligan**, continue to visit exotic places, most recently Russia, Egypt, and India. We trust that they will enthrall us with tales of their experiences during reunion festivities. ✳ I'm sorry to report that **John Zukowski** died on August 19 and **Louis Rosso** died on September 28, 2008. Our sympathy is sent to their families. ✳ Trustee Emeritus **Dave Thompson** notes that Middlebury College is in fine shape, certainly in part due to the firm support of alumni. Dave and Perry (Maurer) '48 winter for one month in Spain—Vermont winters remain a bit too fierce. ✳ Trustee Emeritus **Kyle Prescott** and wife Ellie (Barker) '48 plan to join us at reunion despite the 10-hour journey from their home in Ontario. Sadly, this distance influenced their decision to sell their residence in Middlebury. ✳ I am immensely pleased to report that **Dixon Hemphill** has agreed to replace me as correspondent for the men of the Class of 1949. Dixon brings enthusiasm, experience with our classmates, and clear writing skills that are valuable assets. I have enjoyed every aspect of this position. I was surprised by my emotions when I realized my term was completed. Thank you for your cooperation in providing news—I shall miss the pleasure of my "cold-call interviews" with you. My frequent correspondence with our faithful alumni editor, Sara Thurber Marshall, will be remembered fondly—you must be aware

that Sara brings coherence and style to our occasionally awkward submissions. Thank you Sara. ✳ I hope we all shall have the opportunity to reminisce further at reunion, June 5–7.
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50 Correspondent **Phil Porter** reports: **Sidney Hamolsky** kindly responded to my query about his time with the U.S. Information Agency English-language programs with a summary of his career. He was 34 years with USIA and then 18 years at San Diego State Univ., at the American Language Institute. With USIA he spent much time overseas, some 25 years in all, in Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, and finally Japan (7 years), before coming back to Washington, D.C. He's still teaching English as a Second Language part time at San Diego State and loving every minute of it. ✳ We were saddened to learn of the death of **John Mulroy** on September 4. We send our condolences to his family and friends, and invite classmates to send remembrances of John to us for inclusion in future class notes. ✳ **Walter "Scotty" Paterson** wrote: "Here in Port St. Lucie, Fla., we play golf two to three times a week. I'm still trying to relive my golf team days, when I strove to match the great players we had in '49 and '50. The late Don Bates, Bobby and Rollie Boucher, and Ray Nihan were all Class of 1949. The late **Jimmy Marchese** and I were the 1950 guys. They were all 70s shooters, while I brought up the rear. We had some great matches against Dartmouth, Williams (where Jimmy played against his brother Bucky), Amherst, and UVM. One great moment, in the 1949 New England Intercollegiates, Bobby Boucher went all the way to the finals before losing to a Boston College hotshot. While we didn't do so well in 1950, we did have a few really good 1950 players, like **Bill McKinley** and **Doc Drohat**. Duke Nelson '32 was our golf coach then. **John "Okie" O'Connor** made his return to Florida this winter and he, Cathy, and I resumed our golfing threesome. I can report that, in spite of some health problems over the past summer (he tells me he lost about 30 pounds), Okie can still move the golf ball reasonably well. We played recently at Indian Hills in Fort Pierce, and I'm happy to say I shot my age again (82). If we're up to it in the fall, Okie and I might team up to be the oldest twosome in the Gordie Perine '49 golf tournament. I was saddened to hear of my class co-secretary's death—**Peg Stearns Burdett**—whom I worked with from 2000-2005." ✳ **Don Baker** and wife Edie live in a senior center in Ridgefield, Conn., where there are many classes, parties, and other activities that they enjoy. There are free movies, a playhouse, and a library. They were part of Ridgefield's 300th anniversary concert and led the dancing (and smooching) to "Younger Than Springtime." They wish all classmates peace and good will in 2009. ✳ **Al Butterfield** writes, "I married **Lois Pattison** and we had one daughter. Lois died in 1969 and I married Donna Dudley in 1978. I worked at First National Bank of Boston, now Bank of America, from 1950 to 1985 when I retired. I was a longtime trustee of the Boston Conservatory and served as treasurer for four years. After 40 years in Westwood, Mass., we moved to Franklin, Mass., to a new house in 2006. We have a summer cottage on Lake Pearl in Wrentham, only four miles from our home. I deer hunt each year in Ripton, near the College's mountain campus, and enjoy fishing, especially fly-fishing. We're in good health and take at least one trip each year."
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51 In 2008 **Lois Behrman Watson** and husband Harvey were at Miami/Dade College in April attending the awarding of scholarships for students intending to become commercial pilots. In the last 20 years they've given 130 scholarships and were surprised and thrilled to be given a DVD from 12 of the recipients who are now captains on major U.S. airlines. In June Lois went to Newport, R.I., and raced a 12-meter America's Cup boat representing Mass General Hospital. In August she and Harvey flew to British Columbia for their annual salmon fishing at a floating camp 500 miles north of Vancouver. Then it was back to Woodstock, Vt., to enjoy their vegetable garden before leaving for Stuart, Fla. Lois continues to kayak every week summer and winter, enjoying loons in the north, manatees in the south. ✳ **Renton** and Robbie Rey '52 **Bond** have moved to Youngstown, N.Y., where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario, to be close to their summer cottage in Port Colborne, Ontario. Robbie is retired from real estate so they're able to spend most of the summer at the cottage, just as Robbie's parents did. It's also where the Bonds have spent most summer vacations with their children and now have reunions with them and their families. Four generations since 1945 have enjoyed that cottage! ✳ **Meg Curry Gregg** went with husband Donald to part of the weeklong 40th reunion of the survivors of the USS *Pueblo* crew who were imprisoned and tortured by the North Koreans for 11 months in 1968. Donald served with the CIA for 31 years and was chief of the agency's operations in Tokyo when the *Pueblo* was captured—North Korea saying it was in its waters, the U.S. maintaining it was in international waters at the time of the attack. Donald spoke to the men and their families at a banquet at the Inn at Essex in Vermont and was given a standing ovation. Before leaving the area, the Greggs had dinner at Wake Robin Life Care Community with a family friend and her daughter and **Betty Gale Woods**. ✳ **Donald Axinn** flew from his Weybridge (Vt.) airstrip in his Cessna Skyline to the Naples (Maine) Seaplane Base for recurrent seaplane training, and while there, he flew up Long Lake for a "short but lovely visit" with Polly Norton Polstein '52. It was a special year, he reports—50 years in business and "none of my buildings have fallen down!" He published his 11th book of poetry, *Travel in My Borrowed Lives;* his third novel was accepted for publication in May, *Allan, Burning;* and a documentary with partner Jamie Redford, *Mann vs Ford,* about the Ramapough Indians in New Jersey, is in final negotiations with HBO. Don is a trustee of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, a research institution and university, researching cancer, Parkinson's, autism, and Alzheimer's. He's also a trustee of Brandywine Real Estate Investment Trust on the NYSE. He continues to fly a lot, in his U.S. Navy Stearman biplane, a Cessna 182 (with a Garmin 1000) and has been having fun in the air at military air shows with his newly acquired U.S. Marine Birddog. Don and Joan celebrated their 40 years together with a trip to the Canadian Rockies. They have seven grandchildren, the oldest at a university in Milan, another starting at Stanford. He closes, "I greatly value our classmates, our years at Midd, and all the reunions. May we continue to be together at them." ✳ Last October art dealer **Joan Thomas Washburn** was honored with the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art Medal at the annual benefit gala. ✳ We (**Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming**) attended the dedication during Homecoming Weekend of the Donald Everett Axinn '51 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library, a remarkable building in purpose and design. The dedication words were meaningful and heartfelt and made us happy to be '51ers! Faculty, friends, and relatives of Don's and Joan's were present and we enjoyed the chance to visit with them and with Judy and **Paul Cochrane**, **Tommy** and Marilyn Mulholland '49 **Jacobs**, **Will Jackson**, and **Jim Ross**. We also met up once again with Ken Nourse '52, whom we had seen earlier in the fall at an art show at Shelburne Farms, with his houseguest Bill Huey '52 (brother of **Beth Huey Newman**). ✳ Bill Deming was 80 on Thanksgiving so the Deming clan gathered (missing Tracy in Chattanooga) to honor him and the very number itself. A grand turkey (which he had cooked) made for a splendid celebration, all of the group at a table and a half in a smallish dining room—no small feat! They hoped to do it again in April when Phyllis joined Bill in that decade. ✳ **Marty O'Brien Fenn** adds a note about **Helen Guernsey Bates**'s memorial service. "Guerney" was our senior year class president and Marty wrote a Class of 1951 tribute, which a daughter read at a luncheon where 90 attended and brought many memories to life. We had received the lovely obituary picture of Guerney and a note from daughter Kathryn saying how much her mother had enjoyed our 50th reunion. ✳ Do please continue to send us items and comments at any time and think now about considering adding us to your Christmas letter list if you write one. (Just bracket out anything not for publication—we'll honor it.) All of us do so like reading about a piece of our classmate's life since 1951. Many thanks to all of you.
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52 Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: **Jeanne Parker Cahill**, the ever faithful and far more efficient former class secretary, is still being super grandma—lots of time with grandkids and kids fills her days but she took time to check in with classmate **Jane Rupp Cooke** for me. Janie is the indefatigable sportswoman. She continues competitive sailing and competitive skiing, racing in the senior class despite taking a short time off for back surgery last summer. Go Janie! Jeanne also reported that **Paula Loughran Zahniser** remains busy as a docent for the Univ. of Rochester Memorial Art Gallery where she served for years as events coordinator. ✳ Correspondent **Bill Huey** reports: **John Bowker** and wife Linda recently celebrated their 55th anniversary and began a major project studying their genealogical roots. Both are from New England and at least two generations on

both sides were also, so they spent most of last summer visiting town clerks, historical societies, libraries, and cemeteries throughout New England. They have assembled tremendous amounts of information, all of which has been stored on their computer. John and Linda live in Sun City, Fla., where John has responsibility for the Visitor Center and all evening programs for new residents to get them oriented. He also runs a weekly e-mail newsletter with some 5,000 recipients and is embroiled in the organization for the town's yearlong 50th anniversary to begin in May 2011. Just to be sure not to have too much idle time, John and Linda volunteer at the local library and spend one night a week dispatching ambulances for the all-volunteer rescue squad. ✷ My college roommate, **Steve Baker**, reports having received a phone call from the Boston Bruins following his first goal in two years playing with the Brattleboro town hockey team. He received an assist from grandson Morgan Baker (14), a member of the Baker line that also includes grandson Ian Baker (16). At age 78, Steve is the oldest player on the team and has played for several decades. Steve proudly reports that both grandsons are fine players, with 6'2" Morgan playing on the local high school team, and Ian a member of the Choate School junior varsity team. Steve's wife Jane (Murdoch) '50 no longer attends his games, believing Steve should have hung up the skates long ago. ✷ Speaking of hockey, I had a nice telephone conversation with former Panther hockey player **Bill Cronin**. Bill and wife Elinor still reside in Melrose, Mass., where Bill has lived his entire life. Bill was one of the veterans in our class, having spent three years in the Navy prior to becoming a member of the Class of 1952. After graduation, Bill spent a few years with a department store chain, and then joined the Raytheon Co., spending his entire business career with that company. He retired in 1989. Bill and Elinor have one son, who works at MIT and lives nearby so that they frequently visit their three grandchildren. They also have a daughter living nearby, who has a career in marketing. Bill has kept in touch with **Paul Bock**, and has had occasional phone conversations with Steve Baker. Bill sends his regards to all. ✷ The highlight in 2008 for **Charlie Rielle** and wife Audrey was a 3000-mile, two-month motor trip to see grandchildren. This included a visit in Downers Grove, Ill., with daughter Sally and her four boys, Midland, Mich., to visit son Pete '84 and his two daughters, and to Brooklyn, N.Y., to visit daughter Nancy '82. It was then on to Rutland and Middlebury where they attended Middlebury's opening football victory over Bowdoin. Charlie also had a chance visit with Jim Ross '51 and, while in Manchester, Vt., had lunch with George Peck '53. Charlie is keeping busy in retirement, including completing his fifth year of substituting at Jupiter High School. He said the day he needs a cane will be his last day of substituting! Charlie also has become actively involved in the prison ministry in Jupiter. ✷ Look for a photo of **Ruth Eldridge Race** and family at granddaughter Kayla's graduation from Middlebury on Celebrations page 68.

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Persis Luke Loveys was a freshman classmate who transferred to Wheelock College and became a kindergarten teacher. She's now enjoying retirement. She and husband Ralph '51 have six children and several grandchildren, including two young ones. Two of their children are in business with Ralph and Jim Luke '50, Persis's brother. Persis and Ralph were looking forward to an Alaskan trip. It was bound to be beautiful. ✷ **Lucia Thwaits Dahlstrand** and husband Olaf, an artist and retired architect, have been compiling a book, *The Art of Charles W. Thwaits.* Based on the work of Lucia's uncle, the book has 106 color plates of his paintings. Charles painted from the 1930s through the '50s and participated in competitive art shows throughout the U.S. Living in Carmel, Calif., Lucia plays tennis and she and Olaf go camping in the wilderness. Lucia has served as a Good Will volunteer director and was a director of the USO during the Gulf War. ✷ **Nancy Little Kamstra** has lived in Reston, Va., for 40 years with husband Tom, who is an architect. They have three daughters and six grandchildren and Nancy loves taking care of their four-year-old twin grands once a week. She was a kindergarten teacher for 10 years, then director of a sewing school at a fabric store. Presently she enjoys making jewelry for craft shows and also makes quilts. She has had both knees replaced so is moving slowly, but she says therapy is helping. She's past the desire to ride a three-wheel motorcycle! All the family gathers at the shore for two delightful weeks in the summer. Everything is good and she's peaceful being 76 and doing what she wants to do! ✷ Living in Avon, Conn., **Judy Von Bernuth Sharp** has younger son Andrew nearby with two children, and older son Douglas lives in Georgia. Judy took her son and family to Europe where they toured in England and France, seeing museums, riding the London Eye (the large ferris wheel), which she says moves very slowly providing a panorama of the city. They also visited Stonehenge and Bath, the London theater, and the wax museum. In Paris, they visited **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer**, who toured with them to the outskirts of Paris, including to Versailles. A grand vacation! Judy frequents the gym for exercise, and goes to the senior center, where she is involved with creative writing, plays bridge with friends, and belongs to an active chapter of the DAR. ✷ **Cynthia Cannon White** had just gotten back from Barcelona and a western Mediterranean cruise when she returned my call. She has been in book publishing "forever," at Bantam Doubleday Dell as an editor, working directly with authors. As far as volunteering, she belongs to Learning Leaders and tutors second, third, and fourth graders in public school. Cynthia takes one big trip per year and has toured China, India, South Africa, and Europe. She has been in touch with Alice Thor Pianfetti '52, Nina Shapiro Agel '52, and Jean Roberts Rust '52, friends from Willard dorm days. ✷ **Elizabeth Nichols Ross** writes, "At long last I have a grandchild. How very sad that Bob '51 didn't live to see little Roberto. (He has an Italian mother.) But he is a great joy to his grandmother!" ✷ **Alan Kimbell** sent an update: "Our son David, wife Becky, and their two kids ages seven and five, have moved from Evanston, Ill., to Burlington, Vt., where he has accepted a position as senior VP for marketing of Seventh Generation, a marketer of 'green' household cleaners and paper products. While Anne and I will miss frequent visits with them (their home in Evanston was halfway between our Indianapolis base and our Wisconsin retreat), we're excited about the prospects of renewing old friendships and visiting old haunts in Vermont. Their new home in Charlotte includes a grandparents' suite, which we hope to use often. We're both healthy and have so much to be thankful for." ✷ **Joann Cutting Child** and husband John live in Shelburne, Vt. Both were teachers, John teaching biology and Joann, middle school English. Son David lives in Kathmandu, Nepal, where he runs an adventure-tour business called Friends in High Places with his business partner who is a Sherpa. David returns to Vermont during the monsoon season. Joann stays in touch with **Harriet Nelson Edson**, who lives in Leominster, Mass. She enjoys reading, recently completing *Wedding of the Waters* by Peter Bernstein about the building of the Erie Canal. ✷ Word was received of the death of **Walter Arlen Smith** on September 28, 2008. He lived in Craftsbury Common, Vt., and was for many years the president of the Union Bank. We send our sympathy to his family. ✷ Here's an idea: Try calling a college friend you haven't connected with for years. Surprise someone! I have had such fun calling classmates! As usual there was so much news that the rest will appear in the summer issue.

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REUNION CLASS

Correspondent **Tom Ryan** reports: We received letters and Christmas cards from a number of our classmates. Thanks! ✷ I received an e-mail from **Cecily Mattocks Marshall** this winter and found that there is a good market for generators in New England. "We have been recovering from an ice storm here—no phone for 18 days—no power for 12. We did go to son Bruce's for 10 days. His four-year-old kept asking why we were moving in." In a subsequent phone call, Cecily said that she, her daughter, and a grandson were planning another trip to Manila in February. ✷ **Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach** had exciting travels in India. They left Mumbai and the Taj Mahal Hotel five days before the terrorists struck. Two of the terrorists, Karl said, had apparently checked into the hotel while they were there and secreted explosives for later use. During the rest of their three-week trip, he noted the beauty of India, of the forts, the walls, and the castles that rival and predate anything in Europe. Juxtaposed with the beauty is "the appalling filth" of the country. They didn't get to Bangalore, the high-tech capital of India, and the home of most of the call centers. They currently have no plans for further travels this year (a granddaughter graduates from high school on June 5 so they may not make the reunion), unless something interesting comes up. ✷ **Lesley Harper Miller** and I had a nice chat about the good old days in Larchmont, N.Y., and the junior sailing classes we both attended. She and her husband are both active and in excellent health. Leslie is involved with Therapy Dogs, International. She and some of her friends on the Cape visit nursing homes, retirement communities, and the occasional hospital with dogs some six or seven times a month and participate with the residents in "dog therapy." It works to calm and to please. Earlier, she had used these same skills to work with horses and the mentally

handicapped. Their last travel was to Bermuda in January, which was, she said, unseasonably and nicely warm. She and Fred also plan to be in Middlebury in June. ✳ I had a good chat with **Bill Loveday**, who, facing the draft and the Army, at the end of our freshman year chose instead to join the Navy. While at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1952, he noted on a bulletin board an opportunity to apply to the Naval Academy. He retired from the Navy in 1975 with the rank of Commander. (That's why you always have to keep looking at bulletin boards!) While in the service, he and his family traveled widely: Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam ("Da Nang was just a sleepy French village when I was there") and various bases on both the East and West coasts of the U.S. Returning to Gloversville, N.Y., he was in banking for eight years before retiring again and becoming the county historian of Fulton County. He and his wife have three children, two of whom served in the U.S. Navy. With a vacation home in Stowe, he said that he would try to make it to the reunion. ✳ **Jane Coffin** sent a note saying she planned to be at reunion. ✳ **Dick Davenport** wrote saying he hoped to make reunion as well. He says he's having lots of fun with his wonderful family and still doing a lot of golfing and cross-country skiing. ✳ On a personal note, I've learned a lot about artificial knees. My plan was to have one on or before February 2. I have been fortunate to be able to lead an active life; my knees don't owe me anything. I have learned that it is now possible to have a total knee replacement on an outpatient basis with Dr. Berger in Chicago (only four to six hours in the hospital) but I planned to have mine done in Houston, close to home (two to three days in the hospital). ✳ And now for the bad news. Nancy Walker Faulkner '55 notified the College to say **Sarah Haines Jeffries** died on November 19, 2008. And our class also lost **Bill Leatherbee** on December 24, 2008. Our condolences are sent to their families. ✳ Belatedly we also learned that **Ann Decker Herring** died on March 4, 2008. Our sympathy is sent to husband Richard '53 and the rest of her family. Memorials for these classmates will appear in a future issue. ✳ Correspondent **Nancy Whittemore Nickerson** reports: By the time you read this our 55th reunion will be only a few weeks away. We hope you have made plans to attend and if not, it's not too late to get on the list of attendees—the mud will be gone by June 5–7 and remember how beautiful spring in Vermont can be! Our Reunion Gift co-chairs, **Pete** and **Julie Howard Parker**, are looking for 80 percent participation for our reunion gift, so if you haven't already sent in your contribution, please speed it along, 'cause wouldn't it be nice to get a prize! I don't know about you, but the older I get the more pleasure I receive from reconnecting with old friends. We all have stories and dreams to share so please join us!

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Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: As your class agent, I decided to travel back to Vermont for my Middlebury "fix" last fall. With my husband, Dave, I participated in both the Alumni College held at Bread Loaf and the 29th Annual Gordon C. Perine '49 Golf Tournament. Once again the class of '55 turned out in good numbers for both alumni events. ✳ Participating in the Alumni College were Paul '52 and **Judy Kirby Bock**, **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers**, **Judy "Judd" Zecher Colton**, **Nancy Walker Faulkner**, **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham** (all the way from England), Linda and **Frank Punderson**, **John** and **Katherine Hughes von Hartz**, **Dick** and **Mary Lou King Wollmar**, and **Marjorie "Midge" Van Leuvan**. Everyone reported having wonderful classes. Classmates are encouraged to attend the 2009 Alumni College Aug. 26–30. ✳ At the golf tournament, we were told it was a fun event to be enjoyed by Middlebury alums of all abilities, which proved to be true. Once again '55ers were not only enthusiastic participants but came away with many awards. Frank Punderson, with partner Dick McCoy '54, won the senior low gross. Bruce Byers, with Dave Brew, captured the senior low net. Not to be outdone, Judd Colton and **Pat Hinman Makin** won the coveted **Dick Makin** Cup. This win was very special since the Dick Makin Cup was given for this tournament by classmates in fond memory of Pat's husband who also was an avid golfer and had participated in this event for many years. To add to the money in their pockets, Bruce won the closest to the pin and Frank the longest drive. ✳ Another '55 classmate in the golf tournament was **Roy Craig** with wife Esther. Roy, who has played in the tournament for many years, returns to reconnect with Middlebury and his classmates. Roy and Esther have retired from the book publishing business and moved to Gloucester, Mass. Both find the quiet life of walking on the beach, playing golf, and taking trips to see a daughter in California and a son in Texas a most satisfying way of life in retirement. The Craigs do visit Pat Makin who also lives in Gloucester. ✳ Midge Van Leuvan sent a note about her activities in 2008. In early April she visited Alice and **Al Gollnick** at their log cabin home in Thetford Center, Vt. In mid-August Al and his family celebrated his 75th birthday with friends near Jackson Hole, Wyo. Sadly we must report that Al died on October 5. Our deepest sympathy is sent to Alice and all the family. ✳ Midge continues, "August took me with my sister, Evelyn, to the Alumni College at Saratoga Springs. There we met Egon and **Priscilla Smart Weck**. We thoroughly enjoyed four concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra augmented with briefings from Prof. Greg Vitercik. Late August brought me back to Bread Loaf for another Alumni College. I especially enjoyed seeing my senior year roommate, Carolyn Goodrham. Then I was back to my fall retirement activities in Connecticut, which included singing in the New Haven Chorale; 'doing' the children's books at the Book Nook, our Friends' secondhand bookstore (and my second home); and church publicity for the Women's Fellowship. The cultural season started, too, with Hartford Stage and the New Haven and Waterbury symphonies. There is no end of things to do." ✳ We send our sympathy to **Carlene Snyder Howland** whose husband Dick passed away on November 15, 2008. ✳ Correspondent **Tom Lamson** reports: **Dave** and **JoJo Kittell Corey** had a wonderful trip last June when they flew to Reykjavik, Iceland, for a couple of days, then flew on to Oslo for two more days. They then took the train to Bergen where they got on a small Norwegian cruise ship that went all the way up the coast to the top of Norway. They added, "After being on the waiting list for 12 years, we finally got season tickets to the UVM hockey games. Some people go to Florida. We go to hockey games!" ✳ The hard part of being class correspondents is that we have to report the bad news as well as the good. As was already mentioned, Al Gollnick passed away. We all remember him for his love of the great outdoors and the twinkle in his eye. **Ted Cameron** passed away on November 6, 2008, in Albany, N.Y. He was always loyal to Middlebury and a smiling presence at many of our reunions. We extend our deepest sympathies to wife Lois and all of his family. A memorial will appear in the summer. ✳ **Paul Clayton** recently published a book through the Alban Institute entitled *Called for Life: Finding Meaning in Retirement.*

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Hi to all our classmates! It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you. **Mary Anne Thorne Jager** asks, "Is it too late for the late bloomer? The August 2008 issue of *Southwest Art* magazine introduced me as an artist to watch (another Grandma Moses?)! Very exciting, but then came the market meltdown and who is watching art? My work is on sale at www.meyereastgallery.com under Mary Anne Lewis. If any class member buys a piece, I'll donate my share (50 percent) to the College—a win-win situation. Someone said that growing old ain't for sissies, but Alan and I are working hard to stay strong, keeping busy with volunteer work and friends and family, and still having the ability to laugh at ourselves most of the time. Take care, old friends!" ✳ **Marilyn Fish Dunham** writes, "We spent our holidays with our daughter and her family, which includes 13- and 16-year-old granddaughters and an 11-year-old grandson. We had such fun with them and **Janis Calderwood**, who came down from Pittsfield, Mass., to join us in Stamford, Conn. Our son, his wife, and sons ages 4 and 1 are living in Vilnius, Lithuania, working for the State Dept. We have made two trips there and last spring also spent a wonderful six days in St. Petersburg. This April we plan to take a two-week trip to the Galápagos and Machu Picchu with friends from Wellesley where we lived and politicked for 30 years. Husband Woody and I have been auditing courses at Bowdoin College, 10 minutes away, and we also host Bowdoin students whose homes are far away, including a boy from South Korea, a Fulbright Teaching Fellow from Belgium, and a soccer player from Mills Valley, Calif. In summer we garden and spend time on the water in a sailboat or motorboat, and go swimming. As you know we lost our dear friend, **Judy Hastings Dresden**, from cancer on August 6. She lived in Houston, but was in Harpswell, Maine, where she and daughter Cynthia had hoped to spend the summer as Judy had for the last six or seven years. Judy was a very warm, sensitive, and intelligent woman well loved by her husband, two daughters, and extended family, as well as close and long-held friends. Her caring showed through in her professional life, particularly at Baylor Medical School, writing books about the brain for elementary school children and running a summer program for talented high school

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students from the poor southern section of Texas, which introduced them to the medical profession as a career. She loved music, art, bridge, the ocean, home decorating, and traveling." ✷ It was also sad to hear that **Fred Farnham** passed away on Christmas Day. Fred was an accomplished boat builder, working in Mattapoisett, Mass., and then had a 32-year career as a wood shop teacher at Hastings Middle School. Our sympathy is sent to his family. A memorial will appear in a future issue. ✷ **Charlotte Duryea Hohl** had nothing dramatic to report from Rhode Island except that the ocean is encroaching and their lovely beaches are in extreme danger from erosion. "The beach I swim at (along with **Karl Brautigam**) has been well cared for and is in comparatively good shape. Rod and I had hoped to spend this winter in Phoenix but the condition of the economy and the condition of my left eye prevented that trip. I have experienced a central retinal vein occlusion, losing some vision in that eye, and finally agreed to stay home and have the much-feared injections directly into the eye—the only treatment currently available that gives hope of restoration of vision. After one shot, which really wasn't so terrible after all, I was able to read smaller headlines in the paper again and also noticed other improvements. I include this information for anyone else deliberating about the shots which use an off-label cancer drug." Our very best to you, Charlotte. ✷ **Zane Hickcox Kotker** admits she's tried and given up on volunteering at the local food pantry and on reading to the elderly, but she planned to start volunteering in the schools and hoped she could hang on longer this time. ✷ Cheery **Norm Kern** sums it up: "50th anniversary, 75th birthday, 11 grandchildren, family gatherings, and good health. Not all of 2008 was a bummer!" ✷ **Cy Anfindsen** and **Dick Powell** heard from **Tom Hart** now living in Wilmington, N.C. He, like many of us, has had his ups and downs healthwise, but is doing fine now and is enjoying a leisurely life with Agnes, his wife of 48 years. They raised two sons and two daughters who now live nearby, and in Connecticut and California. In all they have six grandchildren. He read the 50th reunion yearbook from cover to cover and enjoyed learning about his classmates. He talks with **John Hoops** by phone from time to time and looks forward to seeing everyone at the 55th reunion in 2011. Give him a call at 910.392.1708. ✷ Do send us any e-mail changes or address changes or any news that's fit to print! We love helping you all stay in touch. Judy and Dick

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From Maine **Sue Babbidge** confesses that she's glad she no longer works. Daughter Amy and her husband now live nearby in Portland. Son Doug and family still live in Katonah, N.Y. Sue hopes to rent out her Fire Island home again this summer. ✷ **Pete Read** reports from Boston that their travel is primarily to Peterborough, N.H., or Dallas, Texas, for visits with grandchildren. One of their lively traditions is the semiannual convention of four tables of ferocious duplicate bridge with **Charlie** and **Pat Judah Palmer**, **Pete** and **Lee Johnson Howell**, Gus '54 and Sally Robinson Boardman '54, and frequent substitutes Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson**. The next event was planned for April 25 at the Boardman's home in Somers, Conn., "with live coverage on ESPN 2!" Some of this group remembers playing intramural bridge against Ma and Red Kelly '31—and losing. ✷ Heather says that Dave Littlefield, a young professor in the English department when we were studying *Beowulf*, and his wife Jean are their upstairs neighbors in the Marble Works condos in Middlebury. They've enjoyed bridge games with them as well. ✷ Commenting on the economy, after 50 years in the investment business, Charlie Palmer avows, "Cash is still king." ✷ On another financial note, **Merrill Mack** is into his 11th season with H & R Block. Last September he and his wife toured the Canadian Rockies. The Macks spent New Year's Eve with **John** and Carolyn Hanson '58 **Faulhaber**, and **Al** and Carol Hardy '58 **Hawthorne**. The Faulhabers and Hawthornes both celebrated 50th anniversaries last year. ✷ Moving from New England down the East Coast to New Jersey, we hear from **Doc Painter,** who stays busy as a trustee of the College of Saint Elizabeth and as a member of the advisory board of Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital. He also co-chairs a $2.5 million capital campaign for the Community of St. John Baptist, a convent for Episcopal nuns. Recent travel found the Painters in Ireland, Belize, France, and China. ✷ **Charlie Sykes** writes, "Still catching our breath following a Christmas trip to Bolivia to visit our son and his family. **Zip Rausa** and I recently renewed contact with **Jim Wagner**, who regretted missing our 50th reunion, especially our final mini-reunion with the late **Ralph Woodbury** before we marched to chapel. I remain active with Partners for Development, an international development NGO where I serve as chairman of the board of directors. We are starting a new program in Tanzania to expand the production of jatropha oil for household cooking and light. I just finished writing a piece about the CARE-India Program from 1970–1974 for the grandchildren. After the Sykes family spent a year and a half as volunteers for the Obama campaign, we were elated with the election results. My grandparents on my father's side of the family were born into slavery. In an interview my father gave 30 years ago, he said, 'Change, I don't think, will ever come. If it does, it will be after we're gone.' He would have been thrilled to have witnessed the results of the election." ✷ Peter and **Barbara Ransom Payne** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with sixteen children and grandchildren in a South Carolina beach house last summer. In September they cruised the Yangtze River before visiting son Steve and family in Beijing. ✷ Like many of us, Roy and **Priscilla Noble Grundy** travel frequently to keep up with far-flung family—from their home in Illinois to Washington and St. Louis. Last winter they enjoyed an Elderhostel in Mexico. ✷ **Barbara Wilson Woolman** reports from Roseville, Calif., that besides traveling to visit children and grandchildren in Oregon, she and Bob also enjoyed a memorable trek to Texas in their 17-foot Casita trailer. ✷ **Ann Boyer** sends warm aloha wishes, saying, "Life is good here in Hawaii. We survived the New Year's Eve of illegal fireworks—and we were thrilled yesterday to see our first three real live whales off the coast, spouting and diving." ✷ **Sabra Harwood Field** was the lucky recipient of two tickets to the inauguration, courtesy of Vermont's Sen. Patrick Leahy. Son Paul was her travel buddy. She says, "Excited is an understatement." ✷ We heard belatedly that **Derek Evans** died last June of a brain tumor. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Vandy. ✷ **Dave Tuttle**, now living part of the year in Dorset, Vt., stays close to the College. He and his wife Pamela attended the Cane Society luncheon last June. With **Adrienne Littlewood Delaney**, he is heading up the effort to recruit new members for the Society. The Tuttles winter in Vero Beach, Fla., also an active hub for Middlebury snowbirds up and down the coast. ✷ **John Cluett** checked in with **Hugh Marlow** to say that he's remarried to a wonderful widow named Mary whom he met in Florida at The Villages where he lives. They spend six months there and six months in Versailles, Ky.

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This past December **Milton Peterson** was inducted into the Washington Business Hall of Fame at its 20th anniversary event. As principal and chairman of The Peterson Cos., he has been nationally recognized as an industry leader for state-of-the-art community real estate development. Congratulations! ✷ Soon after he graduated from Middlebury, **Russ Christensen** headed to Idaho to work in a lookout tower on North Baldy Mountain. Last fall he published an article in the *Franklin Journal* of Farmington, Maine, after returning to Idaho last summer to work again as a lookout, this time on Indian Mountain. He wrote of his adventures and of renewing a friendship with a Chinese family he'd become close to when he was there 50 years ago.

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A former major-league baseball player is a classmate's son: Rick Balabon, son of **Kay Shook Balabon** and late husband Tony, was the number one draft pick of the Yankees in 1985. He still plays baseball. Kay reports, "His all-star team won everything last November in Florida, playing against 75 teams across the U.S." ✷ Well-traveled lawyer and administrator **Hester Lewis** recently moved from Washington, D.C., where she ran the D.C.-area American Friends Service Committee operations for many years, to Richmond, Va. Her worldwide travels have taken her to much of Europe and most of Asia, including China, Burma, Mali, Tunisia, and a Japan-to-Singapore route. When in Chile she visited a former AFS "son," now a surgeon. Hester also holds an MSW, which she earned while doing legal work with children. ✷ From Fairbanks, Alaska, **David** and **Barbara Mitchell Murray** report that by mid-November they had already had a month of cross-country skiing. Dave says, "A Corgi mix Barbara 'rescued' thru the Internet gets us out on woodland trails regularly. We have an active fox den on the property and the screams drive our dog nuts. Noticing snowshoe hares have been scarce on our hill, we were excited to see a fresh set of lynx tracks. Moose amble through the yard. Just before freeze up, a mom with this year's twins showed up and drank from our rain barrels."

Dave and Barbara hoped to get to St. John, Virgin Islands, this past winter. ✳ **Gail Meeson Elker** reports, "My biggest adventure of the year, indeed many years, was singing with a 200-voice choir in Carnegie Hall on November 30, 2008, under the direction of John Rutter, the composer of a lot of beautiful sacred music including the *Mass of the Children*, which we sang. It was an education to work with him! People from many states and Canada were in the choir, and in a children's choir of about 50; and there was a 22-piece orchestra as well. Five of my family members came to hear us, taking my picture from the first balcony! It was an unforgettable experience!" ✳ **Lucy Paine Kezar,** your class co-correspondent, adds, "The 80-singer chorale in which I sing also performed, in 2005, Rutter's *Mass of the Children*, with a specially assembled children's choir. It's a delightful and moving work." ✳ **Richard Hofmann** spent a few days last July visiting the Arabic School at Midd and joined the yearbook committee for dinner at the Waybury Inn. He then attended the Alumni Leadership Conference in September and had a great experience. ✳ Last October **Carolyn Parks Behr** and husband Bob hosted a mini-reunion, with tailgate lunch, in Williamstown, Mass., at the Middlebury-Williams football game. Those who participated, enjoying sunshine, fellowship, and the game, were **Dorrie Landry Kehoe**, **Alice Britain Griffin**, Randy and Lucy Kezar, Bill '58 and **Noelle Caseley Locke**, Judi and **Roger Miller**, and **Granthia Lavery Preston**. A group photo appears in the mini-reunions section of our Web site. ✳ Many thanks to our reunion yearbook staff, including coeditors **Millicent Fairhurst** and **Sally Sprague Carr**. Sally comments, "Mil and I worked very hard on the yearbook. While reading the notes, special memories, autobiographies, and survey results, I was reminded of the good times, the companionship, the learning—all the wonderful aspects of our four years at Midd! I've had the chance by e-mail to hear from folks I haven't heard from in years and I hope that I will be able to see you all in June!" ✳ Coeditor Millicent adds, "In January I flew to Ohio for a weekend to celebrate the completion of the reunion yearbook with Sally. Work on the yearbook involved two trips to Middlebury for yearbook committee meetings, which were a good time of sharing, reminiscing, and being with old friends **Don** and **Jan Brouse Taylor**, **Ellie Bliss**, and **Barbara Burch Melhado**, while getting to know the others. I especially enjoyed editing the Perspectives, getting to know and admire **Harry Hsiang**, **Chuck Davis**, and **Pete Erbe**, whom I didn't know at school, and admiring the accomplishments of Alice Griffin, **Pam Payne Lewis**, and Noelle Locke, whom I did know at Midd. After the second meeting I spent a long weekend in Montreal with **Anne Goebel Barkman**. Christmas was spent with **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer** and her family in New Jersey. In October I went to Jamaica for a reunion of those of us who grew up in Forest Hills, one of whom was **Andy Montgomery**. We spent four days on Montego Bay at the Sandals Royal Caribbean. What fun! One of our members was the ambassador to Jamaica so we got royal treatment. See you in June!" ✳ Reunion co-chair Carolyn Behr encourages, "Your reunion committee hopes to see you all, June 4–7, for a weekend of reconnecting." ✳ The new, shorter address of the Class of '59 Web site is: http://go.middlebury.edu/classof1959.

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Planning has started for our 50th reunion next year. Please say yes when asked to volunteer. ✳ **Pat Knox Davies** writes that our College continues to be an exciting academic center with many worthwhile concerts, plays, lectures, and foreign films. Pat has fully recovered from her second hip replacement and is a USPTA professional. One of her best local tennis opponents is a young male paraplegic with a big forehand and serve. Wheelchair tennis follows the same rules as regular tennis but players are allowed to hit the ball after two bounces, not just one. ✳ **John Turner** was delighted to see Middlebury occupying the number one spot in the rankings for the "greenest" colleges in the U.S., as listed in the September/October 2008 issue of *Sierra Magazine*. He was just about to do a lot of harrumphing and holier-than-thou-ing to his wife when he turned the page and saw that her alma mater, the Univ. of Colorado, was ranked number two. So he kept his mouth shut for a change. Is it just a coincidence that they installed solar panels on their roof and replaced most all of the lights in their home with CFLs last year? They also had a wonderful tour of Ireland and Scotland last August (lots of scenery and greenery), even though it rained just about every day. Of course, a pint of Guinness costs five euros (about eight bucks), almost as much as you pay at a major league baseball game. ✳ Last summer Dave and **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** spent a week with her son, his wife, and two kids on a 36-foot charter boat. They had a great time cruising the San Juan Islands in Washington State, and the kids progressed well with their boating skills. ✳ Helmut and **Sandy Ferry Ammon** and all their kids and grandkids spent Christmas in Florida with Sandy's mother, who met her new great-grandchild for the first time. The warm weather was appreciated by the Wisconsin, Connecticut, and even the California contingents of the family. ✳ Don and **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** spent Christmas in the Netherlands and learned all about Sinterklaas. ✳ **Pieter Schiller** spent January 2009 teaching a very intensive J-term course at Midd, part of a pre-MBA program, taught by 30 guest lecturers and presenters from outside the College community, though many are alumni. The students learn organization, presentation, and group dynamics doing case studies. ✳ **Linde Hood Gibb** has moved to the San Fernando Valley where she teaches ballet at a new performing arts high school. She is seriously contemplating a move back east and eventually back "home" to Middlebury. ✳ **Betty Andrews** has a new street address due to a fire. Her PO box is the same as in our last class directory, as is her phone number. ✳ Ruth and **Jim Barnes** love living in Colorado. However, after all the snow this past winter, the fellow who plows their driveway stopped at the end of it and yelled, "I'm sick of plowing. All this snow is your fault. You brought it all from New England!" ✳ The year 2008 marked the 20th consecutive year that **Ike Krasts** fished in Alaska. Wife Linda has a dozen recipes for wild salmon and they also produce caviar from the salmon roe he brings home. In October they spent three weeks on the Dalmatian Coast visiting Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, and Albania, and then went on to Athens. ✳ Elaine and **John Cowan** went on another Arctic expedition. They flew to Greenland, cruised to the northern end of Baffin Island, and continued up the Northwest Passage as far as ice-free seas allowed. On the return they stopped at several Inuit communities and hiked historic sights, including the former military DEW (Distant Early Warning) Line from the Cold War, and the graves from Sir John Franklin's final exploratory expedition. ✳ **Herb Foster** has climbed every one of the 451 mountains in New England over 3,000 feet. Of all the peaks, 199 have maintained trails, 252 must be bushwhacked. Sometimes he searched for more than an hour to find the red glass jar attached to the side of a tree—a jar that holds the sign-in list for those who made it. ✳ In Colorado, both Cathy and **Mike Emptage** take recorder lessons and Mike also takes harpsichord lessons. They play with a group of friends in Ft. Collins as well as with the Colorado Recorder Orchestra. Mike is president of the Boulder chapter of the American Recorder Society, which involves arranging the monthly playing meetings of the group. ✳ Last year **Betsy Cilley Goeke** went to Mexico with an AMC group to visit Mayan ruins. They had guided tours of many sites, spent hours in the bus, and learned a lot about the Mayan culture. A month later she participated in a work project in Honduras, laying concrete blocks for an addition to the school they had painted on an earlier trip. ✳ Laurie and **Dave Barenborg** moved to Seattle (her hometown) eight years ago and by different routes, all their children have moved there too. They are retired and have been doing some traveling and volunteering. On Election Day Dave had open-heart surgery to replace the aorta valve. The recovery has been steady over the past six months. Their new e-mail is labaren@comcast.net. ✳ We are sorry to report the deaths of **Jamie Musgrave Hall** and **Ross Herrick** in December and of **Richard Geehr** in early January. Our sympathy is sent to their families. Memorials will appear in future issues. ✳ Thanks to everyone for your cards and letters. There was so much news and not enough space for it all here. 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John McConnell has been very active in California regarding civil rights relative to gender issues. He writes, "The passage of Proposition 8 was an appalling perversion of justice. It's to be hoped that the California Supreme Court rules against this attempt to deny the basic civil rights to marry the person of one's choice regardless of gender. I'm working hard to see that this un-American obscenity is reversed or, if not, defeated in the next election." John also reports he has been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and has become proactive in his personal health. He has lost 30 pounds on the South Beach Diet and plans to keep shedding the pounds until he returns to his fighting weight at Middlebury, and he has enrolled in nutrition courses at the UC dental school to aid in his quest. ✳ I had a nice chat with our perennially active class agent **Harvey Gray** who reports that he and Marge have sold their

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Connecticut house and moved to the Quechee Lakes Development in Vermont. This places them in between their two sons, which was a major consideration. Alex and his family live in South Burlington, Vt., and Elliott and his family are in Canaan, N.H. The grandchildren now number four, three boys and a girl. ✷ The next two notes are from our class energizer bunnies. **Judy Hole Suratt** writes, "Sam and I and the kids and grandkids are all fine. And not only am I not retired, I'm negotiating a new three-year contract with CBS. As Sam is fond of saying 'I married Judy for life, not for lunch.' So far, he hasn't invited me home for lunch and anyhow, I'm happiest when I'm busy and my brain is active." ✷ And from the far reaches of Montana, **Lee Kaufman** writes, "Things are well. I have a new titanium knee—it's awesome. We have two more wonderful little granddaughters and one grandson—all produced by Midd Kids." This winter he was excited to get to their Colorado winter home and get back on the Master's Race Tour. "My daughter Jennifer has jumped back into ski racing with a bunch of age-challenged folks like myself and we have a great time. Let me tell you running down the mountain at 60 mph at our stage of life has its exciting moments. I am fully retired from the law and consider myself a recovering lawyer. However, the stress of fly-fishing all summer between hikes and golf, followed by a long hunting season, is so intense I have considered going back to work for a needed rest." ✷ If you took a poll of our classmates about the nicest people in the class, up at the top would be **Nick Dabney**. I have been checking in with his wife Ginny these past months as Nick has been battling the effects of MS for years and faces some serious health issues. His mind is still keen in spite of the physical setbacks and I know he would appreciate hearing from his many friends. Please send your greetings to Nick, c/o Ginny Dabney, PO Box 493, Dover, MA 02030. ✷ In California **Jeannie Rau Dawes** says with all their kids and grandkids living in the Bay Area, they see them frequently. She also gets together with **Judy Starbuck Hannemann** periodically when their schedules allow. She traveled to the fourth Midd ladies reunion this fall at **Sally Tingle Southard**'s house in Sunapee, N.H., where the sorority attendees included **Linda Anderson Dalton**, **Sue Fisher Seeger**, **Valerie Killoch Miller**, and **Mary Jo Aagerstoun**. ✷ **Jeff Foran** and wife Karen continue to sign up for bike trips in the far reaches of the world. Jeff is still teaching at Stanford but has cut back his board work for both profits and nonprofits. ✷ **Sandy Bolton** merrily spent her time flying from place to place throughout 2008. From the beaches of Costa Rica to the ski slopes of Colorado and New Hampshire, to Australia to celebrate a friend's 70th birthday, and to a summer visit with Sally Southard and the rest of the '61 women. She also dropped in on Harvey and Marge Gray and Will '51 and **Carolyn Bennett Jackson** while in Vermont, and capped the year off with two weeks in France. Home is still Colorado where she has three of her seven grandkids within 20 minutes of her house. ✷ Susan and I are delighted both our kids and all six grandkids now reside in Ponte Vedra, Fla., an easy three-hour drive from Vero Beach. So we get together frequently during the winter months while still running our summer camp for grandkids, grandnieces and -nephews and cousins on Martha's Vineyard. Life is good.

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Look for a photo of **David Gannett** at the Seattle Symphony event in January on Celebrations page 68. It was a wonderful night. ✷ Please send us some news! And if you have a new e-mail address, please send us that, too!

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Chris and Susan Blume '68 **White** were in Middlebury last November to attend the retirement dinner at the Waybury Inn for Travis Jacobs of the history department. He was Susan's adviser. They also had a delightful luncheon with **Al** and **Susan Stevens McKibben** in Frog Hollow. Since then, Chris has had numerous e-mails and conversations with various classmates: **Suzanne Hahn Svendsen**, **Dave Arnold**, **Russ Gladieux**, **Dave Heacock**, **Chuck** and **Sue Handy Burdick**, **Fred "Pebbles" Davis**, **Mary Leslie Hanscom**, and **Jane "Janie" Bachelder Johnson**. The gist of these contacts was that all seem content, are very much involved in local communities and with grandchildren. Some are retirees and some are about to enter that realm. ✷ Janie reports that one should remember to sign his/her passport, or the border patrol off the San Juan Islands gets very upset! ✷ Mary reports that husband **David Hanscom** is still competing in cross-country ski races, and that Bonnie and **John Bower** have moved back to Harrison, Maine. ✷ Dave Arnold is recovering from a hip replacement while teaching mathematics part time at Phillips Exeter Academy. ✷ Dave Heacock is enjoying retirement and grandchildren and skis often at Royal Mountain and Gore Mountain in New York. He and wife Maureen left in January for Brazil to visit an AFS daughter they parented 30 years ago! ✷ Pebbles is still in Seattle doing part-time orthopedic surgery and recently completed construction of a log cabin near the Canadian border in Winthrop, Wash. ✷ We are sad to report that **Peter Hart** passed away January 30 after a prolonged and valiant battle with leukemia. He was tenderly cared for by wife Sally, and his children, Christopher and Wendy. After Middlebury, Pete earned an MA from the Univ. of Colorado and served as an engineer officer in Vietnam. In 1968 he joined the National Park Service as a ranger, the start of a long and illustrious career, retiring in 2001 to Livingston, Mont. Following retirement, the Park Service recalled him numerous times for special duties in several capacities. We are happy that he made the trip east to our reunion last June, but are equally delighted that in 2001 after retiring, Pete hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. Our prayers and thoughts go to his family and fellow National Park Service colleagues. He truly exemplified "The Strength of the Hills." A memorial will appear in a future issue. ✷ Classmates are beginning to express interest in our 50th reunion—four years hence. If you would like to lend a hand, now is the time to speak up. Please continue to network and support one another, and above all, we encourage all to send us news of your doings.

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We're looking forward to seeing classmates at reunion June 5–7! ✷ **Bob Seeley** saw **Roger Simon**'s film, *The Sublet*, at the Quad Cinema in NYC in January and highly recommends it. "It's a wholesome movie. No violence. No sex. Minimal profanity. No hyper excitement. It has love, humor—and a lot of great acting by Roger." ✷ **Judy Powers Malloy** writes, "If, on other fronts, life has not been so easy since I was run down in 1994 (and have now been on crutches or using a cane for 14 years), this past year was a good one for new media poetry. My most recent work, *where every luminous landscape*, was selected for exhibition at the Future of Writing Conference at the Univ. of Calif.-Irvine last November; my *Concerto for Narrative Data* was published in the Iowa Review Web last fall, and both *The Wedding Celebration of Gunter and Gwen* and *its name was Penelope* were exhibited at the 2008 Electronic Literature Conference in Vancouver, Wash. They are all accessible from my Web site at www.well.com/user/jmalloy." ✷ Sadly, we must report that **Stu Campbell** passed away on December 4, 2008. In September Stu had received the first Paul Robbins Ski Journalism Award given by the Vermont Ski Museum. The award recognizes ski journalists who exhibit skill in written, broadcast, or photojournalism with ethics, humor, good taste, and always with the promotion of Vermont skiing and the larger skiing community in mind. Stu will be missed by many and our sympathy goes to wife Carol and the rest of the family. ✷ We are also sorry to report that **Jon Carlstrom** passed away on November 10, 2008. Our sympathy is sent to his family as well. Memorials for these classmates will appear in a future issue. ✷ **Lynn Miniclier Bailey** sent this message: "I'm still working full time doing adult protective services. My passion for bloodhounds continues. I now have five grandchildren."

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Bob Dorf says, "I'm alive and well, but tore my rotator cuff in a hockey tournament. Fortunately, I have an orthopedic doctor (son Erik '93) in the family, so he used a few of my tools and fixed me up in the garage. Should be good to go soon." ✷ A while back, we reported on some of **Phil Kithil**'s new inventions. Perhaps you saw the Discovery Channel's "Project Earth—Hungry Oceans" last fall of a recent test of his wave-driven ocean pumps. "Not all the experimental goals were achieved," writes Phil, "but the tests conclusively proved our capability to pump up nutrient-rich water from 300m deep in the open ocean, solely using wave energy." ✷ The late **Nat Carter**'s two kids are both doing well. Son Rich graduated from St. Lawrence, is engaged to be married, and works in Maine for the environmental firm TRC Companies. Daughter Susie '02 will enter the New England School of Acupuncture this year. ✷ **Mindy Wright Colquitt** and husband Wayne are skiing and doing volunteer work in their

retirement. Her daughter-in-law recently became a U.S. citizen. She still sees **Gail Tideman** regularly and reports that **Carol Dickerman** has moved to Chicago for a new job yet is keeping her home in Ann Arbor, Mich., for her retirement. ✳ With a Ph.D. in linguistics some 24 years after Middlebury and 20 more years of researching bilingual children from infancy to college, **Barbara Zurer Pearson** has published a book! *Raising a Bilingual Child: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents* was published by Random House (2008). Drawing from experiences of families in the U.S. as well as internationally, Barb has created a guide for all families, not just multilingual ones. She writes, "The Middlebury experience for many of us included international languages—and from what I can see, there is more emphasis on them now than when we were there. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all children in the U.S. were bilingual? I've got an evolving Web site at www.zurer.com/pearson. Otherwise, I'm thrilled to have a talented husband, two great thirty-something kids (a doctor and an architect), and six grandchildren. In the small adventure department, last summer I biked across Massachusetts (Boston to Northampton) with daughter Sam—and MassBike." ✳ **Bruce Gunther** writes, "Hedy and I had a wonderful trip in December to Germany—Christmas markets on the Rhine. We spend half our time year-round at our lake house where I jet ski and sail. We're enjoying our twin grandchildren and feel blessed to enjoy our family frequently."

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George Britton and wife Joann have relocated to Grinnell, Iowa, Joann's hometown. The move represents a real adjustment after over 30 years in Southern California. George is not making the change cold turkey, however. He'll be spending the first half of each month working in California (urban planning/economic development) and the second half in Iowa. The move has a Middlebury connection—their home in Grinnell was purchased from a longtime family friend, Russelle Leggett, widow of Glenn Leggett '40. George feels privileged to have been a friend of Glenn's and enjoyed hearing about the Middlebury of an earlier era. George reports that he'll hang his degree where Glenn hung his. Of course, Glenn had his honorary doctorate up, not his bachelor's! ✳ **Cindi Knox Cossen** officially retired from her position in the virus lab of the California Dept. of Public Health about a year ago but has been working as a retired annuitant a day or two a week since then. She enjoys making her own schedule and finding more time for yoga, art, and quilting, which she also teaches in a local shop. With three grandchildren ages 13, 7, and 1, she often travels to Eugene, Ore., to visit her son and daughter and their families. This year Cindi began traveling on Amtrak more and seeing the country from a different perspective, which has been fun. Over the week of New Year's she planned to travel from New York to San Francisco via Chicago and Los Angeles—an old-fashioned winter adventure. Another big part of Cindi's life in the past few years has been assisting with workshops for the Human Awareness Institute. She writes, "After working as a scientist for so many years, it has been a wonderful change to work with people in this heart-opening, personal-growth work. With all that I've been doing lately, I've been pleasantly surprised to find that my 60s are much better than my 50s—one of the best decades in my life!" ✳ **Nancy King Dauray** is spending summers teaching fiber arts workshops for the Hand Weaving Museum and Art Center in Clayton, N.Y., while summering on Wellesley Island in the Thousand Islands. She spends winters going between San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and West Palm Beach, Fla., and planned to teach her first art class in San Miguel in March. Nancy would love to hear from anyone in these three places! ✳ From Australia comes a quick update on Nick and **Carol Buck Dettmann**'s family: Son Sam '00, age 31, who went to Boston College for his MA, now works as an adviser to a New South Wales government minister. Jessie (29) got her MA from Sydney Univ. and is now a freelance editor, having resigned from Random House. She's working on the second year of her English master's through Bread Loaf at Oxford and planned to be married this April. Peter (26) went to Yale and is an actor who is working in a bookshop when he is not on stage. Carol was in Denver over Christmas to celebrate her mother's 99th birthday! ✳ After leaving New England 43 years ago following graduation, **Thomas Easton** and wife Kathy relocated to Vermont in November 2008. They were lucky to sell their home of 30 years in Fairfax Station, Va., despite the difficult real estate market. "We loved our time there but decided to embark on a new adventure." Living in a house they bought five years ago in Shelburne, they plan to build a home on the shoreline of Lake Champlain in the next few years. "Our two children and six grandchildren still reside in Virginia, Kathy's folks live in Pennsylvania, and mine are in rural Danby, Vt. Kathy is fully retired after teaching 32 years in the northern Virginia area, while I am still working for NetJets International, flying Gulfstream (G-V) aircraft in worldwide travel. NJI is a great company and I really enjoy both the flying and interesting destinations."

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Correspondent **Susan Davis Patterson** sent these reports: After 12 years in Asia, which included three years in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and nine in South Korea, **Jana Mara Holt** is finally moving home to Seattle. "I'll be teaching full time at Lake Washington Technical College in the intensive English program. From what I understand I'll have a lot of Asian students, so in my classroom I may feel as though I never left here! I'm leaving, however, on a high note. I was honored with an Outstanding Teacher Award by Korea University, which is given each semester to the top 5 percent of the university faculty based on student evaluations. Since KU has over 2,000 faculty members, this is quite an honor and one I will cherish. I leave Asia with no regrets and return to the States with great hopes." ✳ **Eric Tunis** wrote at Christmastime: "I'm in Doha, Qatar, at As Saliyah military base, freshly back from a five-day trip to Kabul. I'm working for a few months for U.S. Central Command looking at Afghanistan and Pakistan from a military and security angle. Kabul was my first post in the Foreign Service in the 1970s, and I often rode my bike to work. This time we wore full body armor and helmets just to ride 500 yards in an armored car. Grim. Over the years I have collected old maps of Afghanistan and Asia, which has become my other link to Midd. Since last year I have started giving them to the Midd library in memory of Dr. Rowland Illick, who first inspired me to come to this part of the world. Some of our geography-major colleagues may find them interesting; the oldest is late 15th century." ✳ From the engineer extraordinaire of our class, **Charlie Tilford**, we heard: "We celebrated a very meaningful Thanksgiving with our son Henry (26). He'd been working in Mumbai, India, for 18 months, living in a hotel in the Café Leopold building. Two weeks before the attacks, he had his iPod snatched, concluded that the city had become too hostile for him, and flew home. That was the cafe that the terrorists shot up. Very scary; great timing. I'm still at Nanosolar, on the team starting up our factory for making solar cells on metal foil—it's going very well. We had a situation that required more information about material properties. I designed and built a tool I labeled Professor Ben Wissler Memorial (Redacted) Tester. It's 17 feet tall, has motors, gears, weights and counterweights, pulleys, rope, belts, cables, levers, etc. It would have fit into Warner Science just fine. I like to think Prof. Wissler would have enjoyed seeing it in operation. The guys say I look like Mr. Wizard running it, taking measurements up on a stepladder, and that it should be in the Exploratorium. Good fun." ✳ **Lee Powers Smith** and husband Prentice are enjoying retirement. Last summer they renovated their cottage in Kennebunk, Maine, where they will spend summers, while still wintering in Louisville, Ky. They spent October in Paris and Brussels. ✳ **Jon Coffin** was nominated for Vermonter of the Year 2008 by Todd Centybear, executive director of HowardCenter, the omnibus mental health services agency of Chittenden County, Vt. In his nomination letter, Centybear wrote, "To date, about 2,700 members of the Vermont Army National Guard have been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kuwait. For those fortunate to return, Jon Coffin—leading the Guard's debriefing team—has greeted and debriefed every one of these Guard members. Jon obtained special permission from the Pentagon to work past the mandatory military retirement age of 60 so that he will be available to prepare, and then debrief on their return, every one of the 1,900 Guard members who will be deployed next year." Congratulations and thank you to Jon! ✳ The highlight of New Year's Eve for Susie and **Tom Patterson**, as they volunteered at First Night Burlington (Vt.) was seeing **Skip** and **Faith Cohoon Leonard** walk through the door they were stationed by. The foursome met after the show for a very late-night catch-up visit and toasting of the New Year together. Faith retired as dean of students at American University in Washington, D.C., on June 30, 2008, and by July 1 was on her way to their summer home on Great Pond near Augusta, Maine, where she stayed until October 8. Other than reading and yoga, Faith is still toying with what's next for this stage in life. Skip, however, is busier than ever professionally. Two and half years ago, he retired from consulting with Personnel Decisions International. Now he divides his time as half-time faculty in the Johns Hopkins MBA

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organizational development program, teaching a course entitled Knowledge of Self, and consulting with the World Institute for Action Learning at George Washington Univ. His new book *Action Learning for Developing Leaders and Organizations: Principles, Strategies, Cases* comes out this spring.
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Chris '63 and **Susan Blume White** were in Middlebury last November. As a history major at Midd, Susan was invited to a dinner given by the history dept. at the Waybury Inn to honor Travis Jacobs, who was her adviser. It was a wonderful evening and a fitting tribute to a teacher who, over the course of his tenure at Middlebury, meant so much to so many. Some other faculty present included Marjorie Lamberti, William Catton, and Nicholas Clifford, who all taught Susan and many of her classmates. Another Jacobs advisee who attended was Julie von Wettberg '69. On the way back to Maine on Sunday, Susan and Chris stopped in Barre, Vt., to see John and **Nancy Cahill Mercer** and to meet their grandson, Callan (2), son of daughter Lyndley Mercer Mittler '99 and husband Will.
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A note from **Peter Reitsma** says that he came out of retirement to teach AP French and Italian. ✷ We're looking forward to seeing everyone on campus June 5–7!
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Susan Porter Beffel writes, "I'm still working due partly to the economy and a recent promotion and partly to the possibility that the next four years could be a lot of fun, doing the employee training and development at the Department of State! I live in Reston, Va., near Dulles Airport. Visitors welcome." ✷ **Sue Ellen Thompson** writes from Oxford, Md., "Since **Stu (Parnes)** and I moved here two and a half years ago, our beautiful 1840 house in the historic district of Mystic, Conn., still remains unsold. It has made life very difficult for us, but we are soldiering on. The poetry scene on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake is very quiet, which is a mixed blessing for me. On the one hand, there are very few opportunities to teach, give readings, and make even a modest living. On the other, there is almost no competition and if anyone needs a poet to do anything, they are likely to call on me! We would love to see any of our classmates who find themselves in the area." ✷ **Jean Rawson Terhaar** writes, "My happy news is that I retired on Halloween 2008 from my 24-year stint as an agricultural policy analyst at the Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress). I am now living part time in Madison, Wis. All three of our children are there currently and the upper Midwest is essentially Allen's and my roots. I'm embarking upon a second career—a studio-based small business making hand-spun yarn and related items all from Wisconsin-sourced animal fibers. This was perhaps not the most inspired time to retire, but we're hoping we'll live long enough to see the market find the money it robbed from our 401(k)s and put it back." ✷ **Suzy Pexton Bourque** and her husband have lived in Tucson since 1978. She continues to work part time as a social worker for the local area Agency on Aging, which she greatly enjoys. "We became grandparents last summer and are delighted that Remy and his parents live in town. New interests in the last few years have been birding and golf and a women's book club. We have a cabin in the nearby mountains at 7,000 feet where we spend most weekends in the summer and can experience snow in the winter. Last year we got a truck camper, which comfortably takes us throughout the West. Seven years ago we spent a year in Guadeloupe on a Fulbright teaching exchange and we've used our French in volunteer work with West African refugees. If any of you are in the area, please give me a call." ✷ **Sally Stine Rockholt** was able to get tickets to the Inauguration and was hoping to visit with **Rhoda Highsaw Bush** when she went to D.C. She and her husband are still enjoying retirement in Angels Camp, Calif., socializing and golfing, and have gotten in some traveling. ✷ **Bill Wallace** says, "I'm completing my 15th year as a life insurance banker at J.P. Morgan, following a similarly long stint at Morgan Stanley. All in all, I've spent 34 years in investment banking and I'm still enjoying it, even after the unimaginable events of 2008. Here's hoping the rest of 2009 brings calmer waters." ✷ **Liz Rhodes Jenzen** and husband Doug have been experiencing changes in lifestyle since he retired and their kids have grown up. Daughter Becka is working toward her Ph.D. in clinical adolescent psychology at the Univ. of Detroit. Son Ben graduated from the Univ. of Michigan last May and is taking graduate courses there as he has a year of eligibility left on the baseball team. Youngest daughter Sarah is a sophomore at Kalamazoo College studying math and psychology. Doug and Liz spent last spring traveling, following Ben's baseball team out to Arizona in the spring and on the Big Ten circuit. Liz celebrated turning 60 with a group of high school friends on Cape Cod and now is trying to decide what to do with the rest of her life after being a stay-at-home mom and perennial volunteer for 20 years. ✷ **Kathi Hall Perkins** writes, "Since I enjoy reading about my classmates, I figured I should add my activities. I'm envious of those of you who talk about retirement, as it seems like a long way off for me. I have joined what is one of the fastest growing demographics: that of grandparents raising grandchildren! My granddaughters, Marina (13) and Karen (11) have lived with me for several years now and, although it's difficult at times, usually all goes well. One of the difficulties is the lack of time to see my other grandchildren. My entire working life has involved adolescents. I've worked in public and private high schools, for Vermont Social Services, for an international exchange organization, for a mentoring organization, and as the director of a math/science Upward Bound program. I'm now at Vermont Academy, an independent high school, and enjoy working with students who need extra help in mathematics. In my spare time (hah!) I help with local and statewide political campaigns and the town arts organization."
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Many of you may remember **Christopher Irion**, who transferred from Middlebury to the Rhode Island School of Design for his final two undergrad years. After graduating, Chris returned to live eight years in Vermont, exploring diverse interests—photography and cooking among them. In 1981 he started working as a commercial artist in San Francisco, developing his expertise in portrait photography, and beginning what would become his PhotoBooth Project—photographing residents of a neighborhood using a lightweight, portable studio; printing the portraits on eight-foot Tyvec rolls; and wallpapering a cafe or installing a street billboard with hundreds of portraits that reflect a community back to itself. Chris is now engaged in a five-year PhotoBooth Project with the Univ. of Calif.-Berkeley and travels around the world to do portrait installations for communities and universities. In 2008, he bought some land in Putney and has begun reconnecting with Midd '71 friends. Celebrating the opening of his Brattleboro Portrait Project were **John Gambell** and **Martha Murray**, Bill '69 and **Abi Procter Sessions**, **Francie Marbury**, **Brent Seabrook**, and Jim '72 and **Carolyn Ungberg Olivier**. ✷ Brent has sold his house in Cleveland and moved back to Putney, where he does home restoration. Daughter Rita is a senior at Kenyon College. ✷ Abi has unretired to take a job "she couldn't refuse" as principal of the elementary school in Roxbury, Vt. ✷ John is Yale's university printer, directing all of the graphic design for the university. Martha is practicing law in New Haven, Conn., specializing in health law, and enjoying their empty nest. She volunteers as president of Community Mediation, which fosters nonviolent training and dispute resolution. ✷ **Anne Lahey Kehl** has joined Lassus Wherley as an investment officer. She has more than 25 years of investment experience. ✷ **Chris Rudkin** retired in 2006 after 31 years with the city of Boulder, Colo., where he coordinated water quality programs, putting to good use his Middlebury degree in environmental chemistry. He and wife Karen have one daughter, Kate, who's living in Boulder. They've been spending their time in Colorado and on Cape Cod. He can be reached by e-mail on Middnet. ✷ Look for a photo of **Alan Wood** and **Martha McCravey** at the Seattle Symphony event in January on Celebrations page 68.
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Mason Browne writes that he is still working in forestry, although most people would never realize it as he works in a high-rise in downtown Boston. They acquire and manage forests for investment purposes on a global basis. When not in the Boston office, he's out visiting forests in various locations. For a more complete explanation, visit Phaunostimber.com. Last spring Mason, **Chris Downs**, **George Seivwright**, **John Boss**, **John Carter**, and **Steve Lundy** had a mini-reunion, skiing Tuckerman's Ravine at Mt. Washington: left gully, right gully, and headwall. It was great!

Mason was hoping for another trip this spring. ✷ Last fall **John Thompson**'s new novel, *Armageddon Conspiracy*, was published by Harbor House. The "fast-paced story of international intrigue" was inspired by a massive brokerage fraud in Toledo, Ohio, in the early 1980s. John lives in Charleston, S.C., with wife Julia and his daughter and is working on a sequel entitled *The Hong Kong Deception*. ✷ Danforth Pewterers, Judi and **Fred Danforth**'s business, was featured in *Vermont Business Magazine* recently.
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We are keeping up with our music through the choir at Trinity Cathedral and I interview prospective Middlebury students through the alumni admissions program." ✷ Since she retired from teaching two years ago, **Tina Gramsey Barry** has started her own stained glass business and teaches classes as well. Her jewelry has been very popular (www.stainedglasscreations2.com). ✷ **Bobbi Sturgis Terkowitz** had an amazing 2008. In mid-February, her family took a two-week cruise to Singapore, Thailand, and half a dozen ports in Malaysia, and spent time in Hong Kong and Tokyo. Shortly after their return, Bobbi was selected for IBM's new program, the Corporate Service Corps. She was sent to Tanzania to work with an NGO as a loaned executive to the African Wildlife Foundation. During October, she developed a contracting process for designated wildlife management areas to bring investors to build an eco-lodge that will bring revenue to the villagers and assist in the development of Tanzania's number one industry: tourism. The U.S. election results reached Bobbi while she was in Arusha, and she described the excitement as unbelievable. Following this extraordinary experience, husband Ralph joined Bobbi for a "northern circuit" safari, including Tarangire National Park, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater, and Serengeti National Park. ✷ **Andrea Thorne** had the pleasure recently of a Sunday brunch in Manhattan with **Lisa Donati Mayer** and they spent hours reminiscing about Middlebury and catching up on news from the past three decades. ✷ **Jay Aronson** sent an update about 2008: "As my children were adventuring in various directions, I had an unexpected gift, as I traveled old trails that reconnected me to the spirit of my brother Peter '75, five years after his death. I had the chance to return to my roots at Camp Merrowvista and scale the Ledge by snowshoeing with camp friend Ken Bogle in February. The primitive log cabin that Peter helped to build in 1973 remains a tribute to the hard work of the work-staff crew. Last summer a hike on a clear late August day in the White Mountains to the summit of Lafayette was unsurpassed. I took two October hiking trips to Vermont to the summits of Camel's Hump with Laurie T. and Snake Mt. with Dee, friends and classmates of Peter. My future hiking goals include a rendezvous with my kids now living in North Carolina to hike some new peaks." ✷ **Keith Oberg** was inspired to add news to the 1973 column: "For those who don't already know, I've lived since 1975 in the Washington, D.C., area, initially as an urbanite grad student and young professional, and the last 20 years as a 'just barely' suburbanite a few minutes across the river in Arlington, Va. For much of that time, I worked as a program officer for an independent U.S. government agency, the Inter-American Foundation, serving as a 'transmission belt' between small-scale Central American community development projects seeking funding, and the bureaucratic decision-making process here in D.C. A few years back, I took a leave of absence to combine my interests in cycling, recycling, and helping the poor overseas and I started a D.C.-area volunteer program collecting bicycles. The bikes are donated in turn to support jobs, education, and health care in Africa and the Caribbean Basin. There seem to be a lot of used bikes in these affluent D.C. suburbs and the program took off. Since 2005 the program, Bikes for the World, has collected and donated more than 32,000 bicycles, and as of this year—having shipped more than 10,000 bikes to seven countries—we are the largest program of this type in the country. I enjoy managing something that benefits the environment and meets human needs, brings me into contact with a wide range of people, and provides me exercise—lots of it! My wife Jessica Mott (Beloit '75) and I have two grown children, Kathryn (Oberlin '06) and Alex (Midd '10). Alex's presence at Middlebury has provided opportunities to visit with professors from student days, and induced Jessica and me this past summer to attend Alumni College for the first time. (I highly recommend it!) I also visited former roommate **Phil Fitz** in Northampton, Mass., last winter and came across former roommate **Tom Hickok** at a local Midd event. I enjoyed seeing classmates **Sage Russell**, **Kathryn Winsberg**, and **Lance Collister**, taking advantage of Lance's visit to the D.C. area last winter. Trudie Thompson '74 and I get together from time to time here in D.C."
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Last fall **Anne Weathers Ritchie** had a photography exhibit in Yarmouth, Maine. She works as a consultant, helping teenage students who seek alternative educational and emotional options to the traditional public school. ✷ **Susan Coburn Humphrey** sent in a note: "I'm sorry to be sharing with you the saddest news—our youngest son Dan (26) died on January 8, 2009, from a very rare form of cancer that was first diagnosed about a year and a half ago. Dan lived long enough to marry his beloved, Natalie Guarin '05, and they honeymooned on St. John in the Virgin Islands in early December. Dan was a very kind, intelligent, gentle, and caring man who loved to bike, snowboard, and to play music. He will be forever in our hearts." Our condolences are sent to Susan and husband Gregg '70. ✷ **Sandy Volkmann** reports that he's recovered from his kiteboarding accident and adds, "I am under orders from doctor and wife not to hit my head again. So windsurfing is off my list. (Kiteboarding was immediately off). I still ski when the snow is soft and try to take it easy. I mountain bike but very slowly, i.e., 10 mph on the downhill stuff. I'm still making furniture. Son Chris is a sophomore at Univ. of Denver. Daughter Abby enrolled as a first-year at Scripps College in January, after spending three months in Bolivia." ✷ We hope to see you all at reunion June 5–7!
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suitable for kids ages one to 100 and she would "tickle your fancy with a range of music, clowning, puppetry, and old-fashioned storytelling." She was also honored by the National Parenting Publications Awards for her recording of her original story, *Missing the Muffin Man*.
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Blair Childs was profiled recently on Digital50.com. Senior VP of public affairs of Premier Healthcare Alliance, he has been at the center of policy issues in Washington, D.C., for over two decades, playing a leading role on issues impacting medical devices, pharmaceuticals, insurers, and hospitals. ✳ Law firm Dow Lohnes announced last fall that BNA Books published the sixth edition of *Internet Law: A Field Guide*, authored by partner **Jonathan Hart**. The book serves as a legal reference for lawyers and industry professionals dealing with rapidly evolving domestic and international issues as they relate to the Internet. Jon specializes in representing media and technology companies. ✳ Heidelberg Univ. in Tiffin, Ohio, recently announced that **Robert Huntington** has been named the next president, effective in July. With a master's in German from Middlebury's German School, an MBA from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and an Ed.D. from Harvard Univ. Graduate School of Education, he brings 15 years of experience in higher education and 25 years of corporate experience to Heidelberg. ✳ After doing interview work for Middlebury's admissions office for many years, **Susan Patterson Nichols** has published a book with iUniverse entitled *The College Selection Compass: Helping Families Navigate a Difficult Course*. She and her coauthor polled 1,500 current college students about their experiences applying to college and, using the data, created a guide for the application process. ✳ Rev. **Betsy Miller** recently accepted a position on the board of directors of the Fort Memorial Hospital Foundation in Fort Atkinson, Wis. She currently serves as chair of the Fort HealthCare board of directors. As she works on her Doctorate of Ministry at Luther Seminary of St. Paul, Minn., she is serving as the director of Congregational Leadership and Resources for the Moravian Church Western District.
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Don't forget to save the reunion dates of June 5–7. They're clearly marked on the 2009 Middlebury calendars you should have received so you have NO excuses! Be there! ✳ **Rick Weston** wrote, "We're still living in Waterbury, Vt., where we've been since 1990. Wife Karen (Lindstadt) '78 is a veterinary technician and administrator at the local animal hospital, and I'm a partner in a small energy and environmental nonprofit, where I've been since I left state utility regulation in 2000. Lots of travel, including two months a year in Beijing. Rachel is in her third year at Smith (which she opted for over Middlebury) and is in Paris for the year (we spent Christmas with her there). Paul began last fall at Swarthmore, and so we've finally got the house (if not the bank account) to ourselves and have reverted in certain ways to the life we lived before the kids." ✳ **Susan McCafferty** wrote from Massachusetts: "Our hoped-for move to a less stressful lifestyle has finally transpired. My husband, Rob Huntington '78, was appointed president of Heidelberg Univ. in Tiffin, Ohio. Tiffin is a town of about 25,000, full of nice people (I've met 50 or so). After getting the kids settled in school, I will have the opportunity to teach psychology and/or conflict resolution. We don't move until July, so it hasn't quite sunken in yet. I'm planning to be at reunion before making the big move." ✳ **Richard Wiswall** was featured in the *Times Argus* for changes he's made on the farm he owns with wife Sally Colman in Plainfield, Vt. Several years ago he converted two of his tractors and the farm's heating systems to run on biodiesel that he makes from waste vegetable oil. He also converted a small cultivating tractor to run on electricity. ✳ Last November the governor of New Jersey announced that **Mark Mauriello** had been named as the head of the Department of Environmental Protection. A 28-year veteran of the DEP, he formerly served as the assistant commissioner for land use management. ✳ For his efforts at making Iowa City recognized for its literary achievements at the international level, **Christopher Merrill** was chosen as the *Press-Citizen*'s Person of the Year. In November UNESCO named Iowa City as the world's third City of Literature, the first in North America. Chris, the director of the Univ. of Iowa International Writing Program, is credited with leading the effort to achieve the designation. ✳ **Robert Kirsch**, a lawyer with Boston firm WilmerHale, was featured in *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, discussing the pro bono work he and several other lawyers did over the past few years for detainees held in the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Last June they prevailed when the Supreme Court ruled that the detainees have the right to appeal to civilian courts to challenge their imprisonment.
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If these notes seem outdated, it's because they were supposed to appear in the winter issue. Somehow, even though they were reliably sent in on time by Susanne, they went astray on their way into the editor's hands. We here at the magazine apologize for the delay. ✳ Correspondent **Susanne Rohardt Strater** reports: I'd like to wish everyone a belated happy 50th birthday! How did we all get to be 50 so quickly? I also apologize for being such a lousy correspondent for the last two years. I would love to turn the job over to someone, so if you're interested, contact me at the e-mail address below. Until then, I will strive to do better. ✳ A long overdue update came from **Scott Kissinger** who, as of last May, was appointed legal director, Asia Pacific, for his company LexisNexis. He moved to Singapore, an opportunity he was excited about saying "it should more than make up for my failure to spend a semester abroad at Midd." His children are now both in college—Eric at Haverford and Laura at Depauw. ✳ Why did **Stephen Croncota** move from Milan (marketing chief for Versace) to Dallas? Because he is the new chief marketing officer for Haggar clothing and is turning the company around by providing pants with "unbreakable buttons, unbustable seams, and unrippable pockets" to our generation—i.e., boomer guys who don't typically worry about fashion trends. Maybe you've seen the "Making Things Right" commercials about wearing Haggar pants while dealing with suburban issues like getting even with the cable guy, putting dog poop in its place, or throwing your daughter's boyfriend out the window. Check them out on YouTube if you haven't seen them. ✳ If we had an award for "aged least in 50 years," I would give it to **Barbara Banks Altekruse** who, with husband Charlie (Harvard '80), welcomed Jeremy Ronan into their family on February 7, 2008. She writes, "He looks just like big brother Benjamin (7) and is bringing incredible joy to us all. We do realize that we have gotten things a bit backwards with welcoming a baby while most of our classmates are sending their children off to college, but there it is. We are happily juggling soccer practice and naptimes and look forward to many adventures ahead with our boys." ✳ Also in the "keeping young" department is **Nance Smith** who was married to Edward Brennan on July 20, 2008. Friends Nancy Karlson '79 and Brian Calhoun '79 and their daughter Kelsey '12 attended, as did Majie Zeller '79 who was "best woman." Nance is a cancer survivor, following surgery and chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. She kept active and kept her spirits up with the help of Ed and thanks her doctors Brian Calhoun and **Elizabeth Engle** and friends Majie, Nancy, Jack Lyons '78, and **Lis Flannery**. Nance is writing articles about sports and cancer, doing medical copyediting, and writing a book called *Chemo Chic*. You can contact her at nancesmith@gmavt.net. ✳ **Ellen Guidera** writes, "My husband, son, and I divide our time in Chile between Santiago, Portillo, and San Pedro de Atacama. We opened a new hotel there called Tierra Atacama Hotel and Spa. It's a wonderful spot. We see lots of Midd alums in Portillo and it's always fun." ✳ Last November **Lori Woodworth Ford** was inducted into the Peabody (Mass.) Athletic Hall of Fame. As a senior at the high school, she won Best Female Athlete!
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After 22 years at JPMorgan, **John Sorice** recently joined RBC Capital Markets as a managing director in the firm's U.S. financial sponsors group. With an MBA from the Univ. of Denver, he began at Chase Manhattan Bank in 1986. ✳ At the Southern Vermont Health Services Corp. annual meeting at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital in January, **James Baker** was elected chairman of the SVHSC and BMH board of directors. With an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, he is VP of Baker's Inc., a family business begun by his grandfather, and principal of Business Interiors. He and wife Stephanie live in Dummerston, Vt., with sons Ian and Morgan. ✳ **Sean Maher** writes that he is still plugging away as a bureaucrat for Wisconsin's HIV/AIDS program. ✳ As the chief operations officer of Northeast Sports Network, **Jim Davis** helped reach an agreement with Lyndon State College to broadcast home basketball games this year. He is also the head coach of the women's soccer program.
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Ari Fleischer writes that he has two children, Liz (4) and son Asa (2). "I have my own PR firm which helps corporations and sports organizations handle the press. The sports clients include Major League Baseball, and the Women's Tennis Association, and I helped the Green Bay Packers get through the Brett Favre controversy. I also media train professional athletes, including those on seven NFL teams this past year. It's a blast." ✳ Reflecting on the election of Obama, **Rick Hanbury** says that he was elected the president of the Soccer Club of Newington, Conn. "I guess it's not as exciting as becoming president of the country, but I am considering asking Ari to be my publicist. We have two high-school-aged children and we are often running around trying to attend all their sporting events—busy, but enjoying the experience." ✳ **Caleb Rick** has been appointed an adjunct faculty member at Vermont Law School. ✳ **Alison McGhee** was interviewed by *School Library Journal* last summer about her first novel for young readers, *Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)*. The book received a starred review by SLJ. ✳ **Jon Warner** writes that he is on the board of the Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale. His son Joey sings alto and Jon's a chaperone who sings baritone. The choir travels internationally and impacts 120 boys' lives each year. ✳ **Susan Nahley Fleishman**, executive VP of corporate communications for Warner Bros. Entertainment in Hollywood, spoke at the annual meeting of the Friends of Southport-Oak Island (N.C.) Library last fall. Her talk was entitled "From Typewriters to 24-Hour-a-Day News Channels: Managing Corporate Communications in the Constantly Evolving Business World."

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Ruth Kennedy spent some time with **Victoria Seiden Gonin** and **Scott Laughinghouse** last fall participating in a Boston pilot program of a Middlebury Career Services initiative called Midd-Mentor Job Search Strategies. The initiative is designed to offer guidance to young alums on all aspects of their immediate job-hunting strategies through a series of workshops and follow-up e-mail, phone, or live conversations. If you'd like to get involved, Victoria, one of the drafters of the program, would love to hear from you! ✳ Last November **Steve Roberts** spoke as part of PSFK's Good Ideas in 2009 Salon. Steve is the founder and CEO of ShopText, a company which has developed a technology that brings the shopping experience directly to the cell phone, enabling consumers and brands to interact via text message. ✳ Last summer SCHOTT Solar appointed **Cameron Moore** as the new VP, sales and marketing, for the North American market. With an MBA in finance from NYU's Stern School of Business, he previously worked with the Conergy Group.

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Classmates have been shy about sending updates. We can only hope that this means they are withholding information because they want to surprise us at reunion! ✳ At the Williams College commencement last June, **Duff Allen** was one of four teachers awarded the George Olmsted Jr., Class of 1924, Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching. The award goes to teachers who have made a difference to graduating Williams seniors. A teacher of English at Kingston (N.Y.) High School, Duff was nominated by a former student. ✳ **Elizabeth Boggs Davidsen** works at the Inter-American Development Bank, based in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the bank and a career in Latin American finance, Elizabeth was a program officer with the United Nations based in Africa and Europe. "My husband, Michael, is from Copenhagen and works for a Danish engineering consulting company in D.C. We met in the late 1980s while on assignment with the United Nations in the Sudan." They have three wonderful kids, Caroline (16), Charlotte (14), and Thomas (11). ✳ **Benet Pols**, practicing law at Brown & Pols in Brunswick, Maine, was recently elected to a three-year term on the Brunswick Town Council. Previously he served on the Brunswick Planning Board. ✳ **Kristin Smith** still lives in Cordova, Alaska, and will have been there 15 years when our reunion rolls around. Up there they count down to the winter solstice with attention, and then "start gaining five minutes of daylight a day—definitely a seasonal highlight." She enjoys skiing, skating, and hiking with her boyfriend Danny and their dogs whenever they can. Kristin and Danny manage a small nonprofit called the Copper River Watershed Project that promotes sustainable economic development for rural Alaska. "I gave up houseboat living for solid ground, so now I have a house that's plenty big for visitors, whole families even. All are welcome—come on up for a visit!"

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Sarah Swett Quint was featured in the *Rutland* (Vt.) *Business Journal*, discussing her business, Quint-Essential Organizing. Specializing in residential projects, she offers clients hands-on training in organizing and maintaining productive rooms and spaces. She started the business after doing an apprenticeship with Porter Ball Knight '89, who is the founder of Organized by Knight, based in Bristol, Vt. ✳ After seven years as manager and VP with the Chittenden Bank, **Thomas Bright** was appointed VP and trust officer with Community Financial Services Group based in Newport, Vt. He holds an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

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At Phillips Exeter Academy last October, **Scott Campbell** was awarded the 2008 John Phillips Award, given to a graduate whose life and contributions to the welfare of community, country, and humanity exemplify the nobility of character and usefulness to humanity that John Phillips sought to promote. As Africa Coordinator with the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Scott coordinates all U.N. programs in Africa and oversees a staff of nearly 150 people. ✳ **Julie Morris Ogden** still lives at the Governor's Academy (formerly Governor Dummer Academy) near Newburyport, Mass., where husband Steve, MA English '97 is the dean of students. She teaches English at the Pike School in Andover, Mass., and sons Malcolm and Christopher are in 5th and 3rd grades there. ✳ **Ginny Thomas Wydler** enjoys life in Bethesda, Md. She and her family took a great ski trip to New England this winter and her 10-year-old son would like a little snow cover in the D.C. area. Ginny recently met up with **Melissa Marquardt** and **Phoebe Twichell Peterson**, and Melissa shared her stories and photos of a recent adventure to Africa. ✳ Living in Hamburg, Germany, researcher **Victor Kommerell** recently published a book with Georg Olms Verlag publishers entitled *Metamorphosed Margins: The Case for a Visual Rhetoric of the Renaissance Grottesche under the Influence of Ovid's Metamorphoses.* ✳ **Becky Hart McElroy** writes, "I am currently living in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with husband Peter and daughters Fiona (6) and Madelyn (3). We have been here for about two years and hope to live here for about two and a half years more. Peter is working on malaria control and prevention for the Centers for Control and Prevention and I am trying to learn Kiswahili. We get back to the States once a year in July to see friends and family and I'm going to try to make it to our 25th reunion."

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Save the Dates

Upcoming Alumni and Parent Events

June 5-7, 2009
Reunion

July 14-19, 2009
Alumni College in Santa Fe

August 27-30, 2009
Alumni College at Bread Loaf

September 11-12, 2009
Gordon C. Perine '49
Alumni Golf Tournament

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Don Hindman hosted an October D-8 reunion in Chicago, attended by the current D-8, along with Clint Bierman '97 and band, The Grift, and D-8 alums **Clifton Romig**, **Nick Siewert**, **John Aymar**, Howard Fauntroy '89, and Mike Campbell '89. The weekend began with a Chicago area alumni reception on Friday night, followed by a rockin' "Witches & Wizards" Halloween bash on Saturday. Of course, the weekend culminated in an all-night bowlathon after the group lost its collective voice and reverted to bowling. ✳ **Ute Dickerscheid**'s daughter Sophie is hoping to attend the Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy for middle and high school students this summer to study French. ✳ When the *Campus* produced an all-green issue last November, they did a "Spotlight on **Nicolas Boillot**." His branding, design, and public relations firm, Hart-Boillot,

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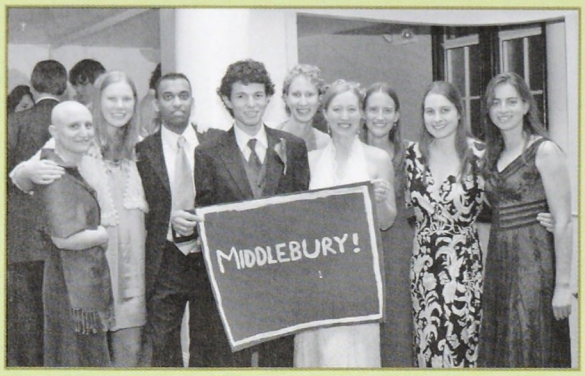
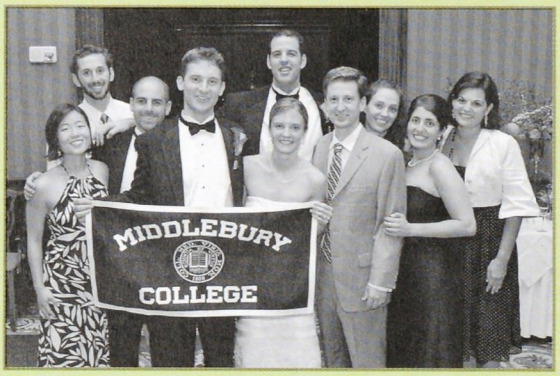
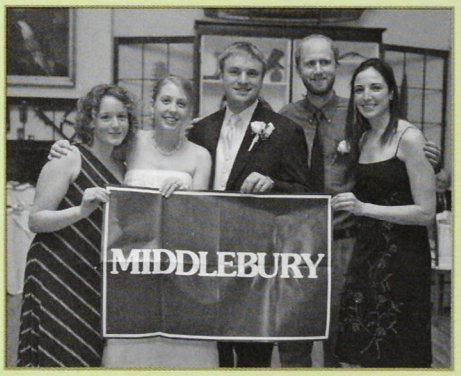


Jessica Harper '01 and Jose Claudio Santos were married July 2, 2007, in Manchester, N.H., and celebrated with a fall wedding on November 10, 2007. Middlebury friends from the Class of 2001 joining them included Rachel Rackow, Catherine DiBenedetto, Arvind Ponnambalam, the newlyweds, Olivia Whitman, Laurel Cadwallader, Betsy Cramer, and Sarah Teck.

Jessica Lockwood '03 married Jonathan Hyde (Boston College '03) on August 11, 2007, in Boston, Mass. There to celebrate with them were (all '03 unless noted) Craig Hine '02, Maggie Goedecke, Lindsay Gardner, Annie Legg, Vanessa Holcomb, Liz Moore, (second row) Keenen Diamond, Char Glessner '04, the newlyweds, Kate Lockwood Bracken '00, Kristin Ostrem, Dave Bracken '00, Laura Zarchin Comstock, Ben Herter '04, and Heather Collamore.



Mindy Olson '00 and Ethan Domke were married August 11, 2007, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Friends attending from Middlebury included (all '00 unless noted) Marion Min '02, Andy Katz, the newlyweds, Ben Bedford, Julia Topalian, (second row) Ethan Barron '01, Dave Ferreiro, Lindsay Watkins, and Marisa Budwick.

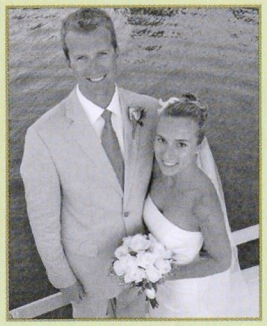


On January 19, 2008, Courtney Hillebrecht '04 and Carrick Detweiler '04 were married at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass. Friends who joined them in celebration were Reid Hamel '03, the newlyweds, Evan Twelker '04, and Heather Gary '04.

On September 2, 2007, Kristine Kraushaar '99 and Aaron Tyler '99 were married at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, Vt. Middlebury friends celebrated on the shores of Lake Champlain: (all '99 unless noted) Elisabeth Falaleev Miranowski '98, Ana Cardenas, Deana Becker, Anne Richter, (second row) Tamsin Drummond-Hay Trail, Jessica Wrightsman, Kim Havens, the newlyweds, Elizabeth Cassidy, Melinda Ippolito Morrill, Cristina Lopez, Max Zayas, (third row) Michael Hackett, Jean-Paul Gowdy, Charles Macintosh, Jeff Trail, Will Heidel, Jon Cadoux, Lindsay Reishman '98, Peter Steinberg, Seth Schofield, and Jeff Ippolito.

Patrick Rose '03 and Alison Poppe '03 were married in Simsbury, Conn., on October 6, 2007. Middlebury friends that joined the newlyweds (in front) for a reception at the Simsbury Inn included (all '03 unless noted) Taylor Donaghy Stephens, Natalie Howley, Molly Barefoot, Anna Gayman, Andrew Statires, Vanessa Holcomb, Maggie Goedecke, (second row) Denver Smith, Aaron Copeland, Kristin Hanley, Chris Boland, Erik Gilbertson, Lauren Teitel '05, (third row) Chris Brown, Josh West, Wesley Hyatt, Keenen Diamond, Dieter Gunkel, and Andrew Angoff. Missing from photo is Brian Radley.

At the wedding of Erin Neil '03 and Tom Murphy on August 3, 2007, Midd friends from the Class of 2003 helped celebrate: Julia Assael Hier, Gillian Wood, (second row) Linda Capewell, the bride, Laura Erickson-Schroth, and Amber Neil Smith.



Amy Porter '00 and William Duffell were married on February 16, 2008, at Harmony Hall in Antigua. Middlebury friends who joined in a week of celebrations were Brady Alshouse '00, Paul Dome '00, Jeff Kendig '00, Jaime McGlothlin '00, and Matt '00 and Andrea Kaufman Wool '01.

Carrie Pistenmaa '00 and Douglas Aaron were married on September 2, 2007, in Manchester, Vt. Middlebury friends on hand to celebrate included (all '00 unless noted) Georgina Duff, the newlyweds, Charles Donnellan '98, Nicole Donovan Donnellan, Meghan McGuinness, (second row) Jane Calfee Camp, Brady Alshouse, Susan Shepard '01, P.J. Smith '98, Will Parker, Chris Wenger, Hilary Johnson '02, Andrew Gay, Scott Morgan '96, Jenny Levin '02, and Kim Conaty '99. Missing from the photo are Michael and Kristine Platou '98 Aaron, and Anna '10 and Molly '12 Rosenblatt.

Nick Gardner '82 married Teresa Sanislo in Lake Tahoe, Calif., on January 20, 2007. Dave Buchanan '82 served as best man and Debbie Smith '83 also attended.

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On February 23, 2008, Katy Meyer '94 and John Abbott were married at the Round Barn Farm in Waitsfield, Vt. Celebrating with the couple were (all '94 unless noted) Marika Allanson Krull '98, Amy Diller '97, Adam Popkin '00, Dena Greenman, Alden Cadwell '80, the newlyweds, Deb Schnipper, Hester Smith Warr, Bo Wilmer, Christine Kennelly Nesbit, Pixie Spencer Brokaw, and James Meyer '91.

In Man Long Gui Yu Park in Hangzhou, China, Corey Tournet '94 and Jie Wang were married on April 12, 2008.

Anne Elkins '01 and Thomas Murray were married March 1, 2008, in Grand Cayman. Middlebury friends from the Class of 2001 helped them celebrate: Ashley Rabin, Susan Angst Rymzo, Kiki Helffenstein, Erin Lechner-Belfort, Britta Wiesner, Annie Kloppenberg, the newlyweds, Yasmin Mahal, Faith Peters James, Tory Jennings Diamond, Jaymie Gross, and Lauren Cullings.

Over 175 Middlebury alumni, parents, and friends attended the Seattle Symphony on January 4, 2009, an event organized and hosted by David Gannett '62. At the reception after the program, President Ron Liebowitz welcomed the guests and Seattle Symphony conductor Gerard Schwarz took time from his busy schedule to speak to the group of his love of Middlebury. During the reception David Gannett (right) talked with Dr. Alan Wood '71 and Dr. Martha McCravey '71.

Three generations of the Race family celebrated at the May 2008 graduation of Kayla Race: Robert Race '78, Ruth Eldridge Race '52, Kayla Race '08, and Ellen Boyles Race '80. Missing is Kayla's uncle, Alan Race '80.

In Cairo, Egypt, recent graduates gathered together with Prof. Febe Armanios on September 29, 2008: Theodore May '08, Febe Armanios, assistant professor of history, Elizabeth Huntley '08, and Bethany Stipe '08.

has incorporated green issues into its practice from working with clean technology and renewable energy companies to using their PR division to help these companies gain publicity. Hart-Boillot employees also extend their green mentality to everyday practices in their office. ✷ Another classmate in the *Campus* spotlight was **Amy Bucher**. She returned to campus for a screening of her award-winning documentary, *A Walk to Beautiful*. She also gave a talk entitled "The Perfect Major: How an Environmental Economics Major Paved the Way for a Documentary Career."

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Roman Macaya was on campus in January as a visiting instructor teaching Intellectual Property, Innovation, and Society. He, wife Thais, and kids Daniela, Roman, and Adriana arrived early to enjoy the skiing at the Snow Bowl. He said it was great to see the kids quickly learning to ski. He was hoping it would be a distraction from the weather shock they experienced, coming from Costa Rica where they live. ✷ After 17 years in the Bay Area, in June 2005 **JB Brainerd** traded in his 1,700 square-foot loft for five and a half acres of land with a little log cabin on it just a few miles outside of Fairbanks, his hometown. Since his return to Alaska, JB has worked as a reading and math tutor at an elementary school, has run a program for youth with disabilities, and now has finally settled back into practicing law with the state of Alaska district attorney's office. JB particularly enjoys his time with the newly formed Fairbanks Juvenile Treatment Court, which is a therapeutic court for youth with disabilities. It's a perfect nexus of his professional background in law and counseling and his personal love of working with youth. JB plans to build a new home on his property next summer so he'll have plenty of room for visitors (hint, hint). ✷ **Sybil McCarthy-Hadfield** writes, "I am now self-employed and growing my own advertising production business, Sybzbyz, Inc. Crazy time to start a business, but I've been working for someone else (namely corporate America) getting those rich guys richer, so it seemed a good time to put the focus on my own business and work hard for myself. You can see my work at www.sybilmccarthy.com—the Web site is in constant development. I just finished several campaigns, producing ads for BMW, among others. Living in the 'burbs of LA, I have a wonderful fiancé and together we have our own baseball team of children—he has five girls and I have a total of four (three boys, one girl) and they all range in age from 23 to 4, so they keep us very busy. My eldest, Hunter, lives in Budapest; Taryn is finishing college at Seattle Univ., Talon at 11 is student council president, and Holden, my youngest, is seven and an all-star student. Above all, they are good kids, with kind hearts. I'm delighted to be back in touch (via Facebook) with **Margie McDonald Devine** and **Jen Kitchin Walker**. **Bridie Jennings Dumont** and I got together for a few days in San Francisco last August, when she was visiting her sister and brother." ✷ **Todd Merry** and wife Jessica expanded their family by two last September 18 with the arrival of twins Georgina and Cullen. Todd said everyone is doing well but they are a bit shell-shocked and tired being new parents at 42! ✷ **Paul** and **Kim Maynard Martin** have been happily settled since 1994 in Londonderry, N.H., and have three children, Alli (10), Zack (7), and Ben (4). Kim continues to work as a school psychologist in a nearby school district, and Paul is the regional attorney for the Social Security Administration, Region 1. They keep busy with kids' sports and other activities and spend time with a wonderful group of friends. Kim takes off for an amazing weekend each year with **Frisk Ewing Miller**, **Laura Ludwig**, **Melissa Perry Winborn**, and **Lissa Ellsworth Jones**. Laughter and music abounds. "We also spend an annual weekend in Charlotte, Vt., with **Scott** and Lynne Telford '89 **Jaunich** and catch the last home football game at Midd. As of last year we are officially able to ski as a family (our then 3-year-old took to the slopes like a pro), so are feeling like our old selves again." ✷ Sadly we learned that Michael McHale, husband of **Kathy Tignor McHale** passed away on November 22, 2008. The class sends its heartfelt condolences to Kathy.

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Sean Brennan was recently named the new head of school at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt. Currently the academic dean at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Conn., he will begin his duties as of July 1. He, wife Wendy, and their three children plan to move to Vermont in July. ✷ Last fall Rev. **Andrew Smith** was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square, Pa. Previously he, wife **Tara (Selby)**, and their daughter had been living in Northern Ireland where he served as a minister. ✷ Don't forget that Reunion Weekend is June 5–7!

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Eric Winick has finally given in to his obsession with public radio and started an audio production company called Yarn AudioWorks, which he describes as a cross between *StoryCorps* and *This American Life*. "The Web site (www.yarnaudioworks.com) is a repository of all of my audio pieces (some of which have been aired this year), but the main reason I want to put this out there is that we are looking for great stories! One of the things we do is capture individuals' stories of change and transformation—large or small, funny or tragic. Right now, we're focusing on people in the NYC area, so any Midd Kids out there who'd like to share a yarn should check out our submission guidelines and then e-mail me at eric@yarnaudioworks.com." ✷ **Jeffrey Stoner** and **Elizabeth Toder** met for lunch in Bangkok, where Toder is a frequent traveler and Stoner has lived for two years with wife Kerry and their two children. Stoner is an economic officer for the U.S. State Department at the U.S. Embassy in Thailand. He has enjoyed his posting (political shenanigans notwithstanding) and is looking forward to returning to Japan for another two-year posting. ✷ **Lindsey Cohen** (a psychology professor) and family are enjoying an academic sabbatical year in England. He's still playing soccer, with a pub team in England and a team back home in Atlanta. ✷ **Greg Naughton** and Rich Price '99 are members of a new band, The Sweet Remains. They kicked off a national tour in Burlington, Vt., last October 11. ✷ Moody's Corporation recently announced that **Liz Zale** had been appointed VP, investor relations, for the company. She holds an MBA from Columbia Univ. and was serving as assistant VP, investor relations. ✷ Last June **Steve Long** became the executive director of the Children's Museum of the East End in Bridgehampton, N.Y. He came to his new job from the Tenement Museum in Manhattan where he was vice president of collections and education.

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Last fall **John Burrell** finished his seventh season as head football coach at Western Connecticut University in Danbury. ✷ On May 3, 2008, several past and present New Yorkers from the Class of 1991 gathered to see one last game at the old Yankee Stadium. **Chad Anderson**, **Kate Culkin**, **Jennifer Hart**, **Ben Judson**, **Katherine Stebbins-McCaffrey**, **Andrew Peach**, and **John Thomas** were in attendance, along with various family members. Even the Red Sox fans among the group felt pretty sentimental at the end of the game. ✷ **Robert Anderson** and wife Kimberly were thrilled to welcome Samuel David Anderson into the world on September 16, 2008. ✷ **David O'Hara** recently published another book with Prof. Matt Dickinson entitled *Narnia and the Fields of Arbol: The Environmental Vision of C. S. Lewis*. ✷ Last November **John Gosselin** was one of the speakers at the Senior Expo in Medfield, Mass. An elder law attorney, he serves as an advocate of wills and estate planning and often visits clients in nursing homes, in their own houses, and in hospitals.

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Class Correspondent **Sara Garcia McCormick** reports that 2008 was a great year in terms of catching up with Midd classmates. She still sees **Tabitha Jenkins** in NYC pretty frequently and they welcomed the New Year with a small dinner party and a great walk along the Hudson River with Tabitha's dog, Cody. ✷ **Anne Rimoin** was also a great visitor to New York. Annie is doing well and living in L.A. She continues to work at UCLA and to run research programs in the Congo. ✷ **Leslie Cone Pagnotta** lives in Mamaroneck, N.Y., with husband Gianni and son Vincenzo. Leslie survived Vincenzo starting kindergarten this year! ✷ **Fawn Horvath** practices law in New York as an attorney with Macy's and she and Tabitha work in the same office. Fawn has stayed really busy in the past year between running, working, and traveling! ✷ **Lisa Balaschak** is still in the Boston area doing well. ✷ Congratulations to Michael and **Cynthia Lewis Kavanagh**, who welcomed Jack Lewis Kavanagh in June 2008. Working in the Boston area, they live in Melrose, Mass. Sara McCormick is counting the days until she can finally plan a trip to Boston to meet Jack! ✷ On May 4, 2008, **Stefanie Hirsh Cousins** gave birth to Benjamin Eli Cousins in Chapel Hill, N.C. Husband Kurt (UPenn-Wharton '90) graduated from UNC School of Medicine one week later and the family moved to Pittsburgh on June 4. Kurt then began a

residency/fellowship program in pediatric psychiatry at Univ. of Pittsburgh Medical Center in July. Stefanie is staying home with Benjamin for the next year or so, finishing her master's in public health from UNC. Stefanie says, "We'll be in Pittsburgh for at least five years. So far, it's been great. This past spring I spent time with **Lyle Humphrey Johnson** in North Carolina and **Sara Weale** in New York." ✳ Rabbi **Jonathan Freirich** and wife Ginny Reel '94 are enjoying parenthood with Jude, born May 17, 2007. "Our mini-Midd group of D&D enthusiasts still gets together almost every year for a Feast of Fools and did so in February 2008 in Dutchess County, N.Y." They also planned to reunite in Vermont over this past Presidents Weekend. Elise Bergelson Singer '94 and family visited the Freirichs in Tahoe in January. Jonathan says he is still happily the skiing rabbi of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., and Stateline, Nev. ✳ **Allan Reeder** and wife Ginna were married last May on Sebago Lake in Maine. Allan continues to teach writing at Walnut Hill School in Natick, Mass., where he has taught for the last seven years. He and his students run an annual contest and an online magazine for young writers around the world. ✳ On August 1, 2008, **Maria Aliberti** married David Lubertazzi in the woods of western Rhode Island. Many Midd alumni were in attendance. Her sister Elaine Aliberti Palmer '95 was matron of honor. Maria's Battell South roommate **Cynthia-Anne Gabriel** and her seven-year-old daughter Sylvia gave a wonderful talk and performance in the ceremony. Betsy Cilley Goeke '60, a dear friend of Maria's mother (Virginia Lyons Aliberti '59), brought a handmade Midd banner to the festivities. **Dave Bergeron** and **Ritu Verma** came all the way from Singapore! **Matt Leroux**, who lives in Phoenix, Ariz., took a break from the beach on his East Coast vacation. Unfortunately, **John Logan** and wife Crystal could not be there as their son Colin was due at any minute! ✳ **Erik Dorf** has returned home to Colorado to join Vail-Summit Orthopedics as an upper-extremity specialist. He and wife Sue and their two children live in Breckenridge. ✳ Please send us your news! We'd love to hear what you're doing these days and so would your classmates!

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Ryan (Jones) Kelty writes, "I've transferred from West Point to Washington College, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where Ruth (Kelty) '95 and I are now working in the same state! I'm teaching sociology and continue my research in the areas of environmental and military sociology. We live in Church Hill, Md., with daughter Taylor (2). My new e-mail address is rkelty2@washcoll.edu." ✳ **Sarah Knowles Torrence** is living in Farmington, Conn., with husband Grier and daughters Ruth (5) and Jane (3). Sarah teaches Latin to students in grades 9–12 at Westminster School in Simsbury. ✳ In a new Broadway production of *Hedda Gabler* that opened in January in NYC, **Ana Reeder** played the part of Mrs. Thea Elvsted. The limited engagement at the American Airlines Theatre ran through the end of March. ✳ On Martin Luther King Day, **James Wilcox** hosted an event at his home for the L.A. Chapter of Midd alumni about diversity issues and initiatives at Middlebury. ✳ **Heidi Rehm** was on campus in January to give a talk for the Molecular Biology & Biochemistry Lunch Seminar Series. A molecular geneticist at Harvard Medical School's Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics and Genomics, she spoke about "The Evolution and Integration of Personalized Genetic Medicine."

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Dancer and choreographer **Lisa Gonzales** was on campus last October to perform several works, including "Traitor" at the Mahaney Center for the Arts. Besides performing extensively in NYC, and around the U.S. and internationally, she is currently collaborating with New York puppeteers Chris Green and Erin Orr on a work that combines elements of dance, theater, object performance, and puppetry. ✳ In January **Matthew Gorra** was promoted to partner in law firm DLA Piper's corporate and securities practice in the Baltimore, Md., office. With a law degree from Cornell, he received an MBA from Loyola College in 2008. ✳ Wireless Matrix Corp. recently announced that **Kirsten Morbeck** had been appointed to the company's board of directors. She is the managing partner of Warm Springs Partners, a strategic venture firm. She's spent the last 12 years building and investing in early stage technology companies.

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With just over a year to plan for our 15th reunion, we hope each of you has June 2010 on your calendar as a time to get back to Middlebury to celebrate our lives together. ✳ **Janine** and **Foster Goodrich Hetherington** have a lot of news to report: "We had a fun, but busy summer last year with our ever-expanding brood. We added a new Afghan daughter to the household, Sima (15), who is a sophomore in high school. Foster earned a promotion at Gilbane to senior business development director and Janine is back at work as a fund-raiser for Pine Cobble School (where James and Eamon are in 1st and pre-K) in Williamstown, Mass. James and Eamon love to spend time with classmates Sarah and Patrick, children of Jim Briggs '90. We went on several college tours with Soraya last summer (she's a senior at Emma Willard) and enjoyed a great visit and interview at Middlebury. James, Eamon, and Gavin loved their play date with Hugh Marlow '57. We also got to spend time with Midd friends **Roberta Stewart**, Heather Shafner Bout '97, Paul Hughes '94, **Terra Reilly**, and **Becki Plona Peterson**. Keep in touch—janifost@gmail.com." Finally, Janine was excited to learn that one of her favorite local cheeses is made by classmate **Victoria Von Hessert** of Jasper Hill Farm. ✳ Terra Reilly writes, "I'm still out in Seattle and my company, Captive Orbit, is doing really well. I did a lot of traveling last year including two weeks in Greece. In September I went back to the East Coast. I stayed with Janine and Foster and had a wonderful time with them and their kids. Then I went to NYC and stayed with Mohan '96 and Vijay '02 Renganathan for a few days before I went home. Later in September Paul Hughes came up from L.A. to visit me and we had a total blast running around Seattle. I also met Doug Powell '84 out here and he's become part of the fun, crazy, outdoorsy Seattle crew I hang out with. I was in Bishop, Calif., and Lake Tahoe for Christmas and New Year's, climbing and backcountry skiing. A bunch of us have been in touch via Facebook and are having a good laugh over old and new stories and photos." ✳ Roberta Stewart and husband Seth Kaufman (Wesleyan '95), who live Washington, D.C., welcomed their first child, daughter Helene Marie Stewart Kaufman, on November 19, 2008. They have just completed extensive renovation of their 1895 Capitol Hill row house, and Roberta continues her work as a lawyer for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. ✳ **Roberta Torrens** and husband **Trey Martin** are living in Montpelier, Vt., with their three children. Trey graduated from Vermont Law School last year and joined the business law practice group at Downs Rachlin Martin in Burlington, Vt. ✳ Living in Falmouth, Maine, **Wendy Russell Tracy** and husband Eric welcomed Julia Katherine in February 2008. Julia joined big sister Caroline (3). ✳ **Mara Rendi** is finishing up medical school and is going through the match in pathology this spring. She and husband Paul now have two boys who are enjoying their introduction to the Middlebury Snow Bowl. ✳ **Rachel Campbell O'Donnell** let us know that she and her husband are finally settling down. "We are stationed now at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he's teaching new pilots to fly Hawks. I started my new job as a physician's assistant in cardiothoracic surgery on the same day we moved into our new house. We're excited at the prospect of staying in one place for a while with no more deployments. I'm going to plant a garden, and get a big dog to mess it up." ✳ **Megan Feeney** received her Ph.D. in American studies from the Univ. of Minn. in May 2008. In August, she gave birth to daughter Lydia Virginia Geelan, with husband John. She currently teaches as a visiting assistant professor in the history dept. at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. ✳ After a decade of silence, **Erica Templeton Spencer** wrote to let us know she wants to get back in the Middlebury fold. She is practicing law at Foley & Lardner in Boston, where she is attempting to field a forward line in hockey with three boys three and under. Erica looks forward to opening her *Middlebury Magazine* and catching up with all that is going on with the Class of 1995. ✳ Teaching anthropology at Yale Univ., **Doug Rogers** lives in North Haven, Conn., with partner Melanie Boyd and their nine-year-old twins, Ella and Caden Rodems-Boyd.

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We are very happy to report the arrival of three sets of twins in the Class of 1996! Last October was a busy month for these three happy families. ✳ Christina and **Dan Rice** welcomed Lila Catherine and Charles "Charlie" Jeffrey on October 17. The Rices are ecstatic and busy adjusting to life with two babies in NYC. ✳ Charlie and Carter Oliviero also arrived on October 17, twin sons of **Chris** and **Kate Barry Oliviero**. They joined older sister Lucy (2) at the Oliviero home in Salisbury, Md. ✳ Last but not least, Caitlin and **Stuart Salyer** welcomed Emeline Corbiere and Joseph McLane "McLane" on October 26. The Salyers live in Weston, Mass.,

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English

Dr. **Richard Caram** (MA '67) is a multidisciplinary artist with the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art and Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. He has taught playwriting, directing, theater, fundamentals of acting, and production at the college level. He's also an award-winning, published poet. ✳ **Patricia Vellines Frech** (MA '70) moved from Maine to Virginia in 2006 to return home and teach in the school where she earned her high school diploma. Her educational journey has taken her to several countries and she has taught in several university settings as well as public and private schools in Maine and Hawaii. ✳ Last September Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History opened a new permanent exhibit called Sant Ocean Hall. **Deborah Cramer** (MA '76) was asked to write the companion book and *Smithsonian Ocean: Our Water, Our World* was the result. The 296-page book offers an in-depth look at the ocean, from its evolution to the impact humans have on it. ✳ Author **William Durbin** (MA '86) gave up teaching to write full time after his first book, *Broken Blade*, came out in the late '90s. He makes 40–60 visits to schools and libraries in the Upper Midwest throughout the year to talk to students. His writings have won several awards, including the New York Library Books for the Teenage List. Living in Minnesota with wife Barbara, he has two children, Jessica and Reid. ✳ **Ambrose Metzegen** (MA '86), an assistant professor at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., joined the humanities department this year. ✳ An English teacher at Gilford (N.H.) High School, **Scott Hutchison** (MA '87) is also a poet and has some pieces in a recent book entitled *The 2008 Poet's Guide to New Hampshire*. He was also invited by New Hampshire's poet laureate to publish a poem on her Web site, and "Fisherville" was showcased last October. ✳ **Maggie Favretti** (MA '94) was instrumental in helping write and publish a book about Hastings, N.Y., as part of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America." She teaches history at Scarsdale High School. ✳ The author of *Your Child's Strengths, Discover Them, Develop Them, Use Them*, **Jennifer Fox** (MA '03) leads the Strengths Movement in Schools, an international educational movement aimed at transforming the K–12 system to one that focuses on children's strengths, not their weaknesses. ✳ **Sheila Barry** (MA '08), who teaches reading and writing to third-graders at H.K. Oliver School in Lawrence, Mass., was chosen as Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year.

French

In January it was announced that **Marilyn Kelly** (MA '62) had been elected as the new chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. She was first elected to the Supreme Court for an eight-year term in 1996 and was reelected in 2004. ✳ **Yvette Small Hohler** (MA '68), husband Larry, and 11 friends traveled to Meru, Kenya, in February to visit their Hope Children's Home, an orphanage that cares for 59 former street children, to assess growth progress and needs and to participate in several projects. ✳ For the second year in a row, **Joanne Lusink LeRoy** (MA '70) was the All Greater Rochester Coach of the Year for coaching Pittsford's (N.Y.) girls varsity golf team who went 13-0. She has retired from teaching but substitutes for foreign language in Pittsford. ✳ **Deirdre Gonia Halat** (MA '71) raised her daughter with French and now her daughter, who has a master's from the Univ. of Minnesota, is teaching English in Paris for a year! ✳ A professor of French at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., **John O'Neal** (MA '75) was promoted from chevalier to officier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques and received a medal from the French cultural counselor at a ceremony at the French Embassy for Cultural Services in NYC. ✳ **Elizabeth Anderson** (MA '95) was recently named the Rocky River (Ohio) School District executive director of curriculum and instruction. She is working on her Doctor of Education degree at Youngstown State Univ. ✳ A teacher of French and Spanish at the middle and high school levels, **Melissa Griffin Brown** (MA '97) was named a 2008 Teacher of the Year by Wal-Mart in Auburn, N.Y.

Spanish

After working 23 years at UCLA's Latin American Center, **Nina Moss** (MA '58) recently retired. She has been writing poetry for several years and gave a reading in Bennington, Vt., last August. ✳ **Malcolm "Mike" Kutash** (MA '73) writes, "I'm teaching high school Spanish, levels 1–5, at the U.S. Department of Defense high school in Brussels near NATO headquarters. This is the job I dreamed of when I graduated from Middlebury! While I still have a home in Naples, Fla., where I've been teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language for the last seven years, I plan to spend most of my time in Europe." ✳ **Joe Drach** (MA '81) has been working in the Pentagon since August 2001 on the Army staff responsible for international affairs. He graduated in June 2008 from the Inter-American Defense College with a master's in hemispheric defense and security from Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires. ✳ **Julia Donahue** (MA '93) and sister Linda have formed Preferred Income Initiatives, a relationship marketing firm in Beverly, Mass. ✳ **Jason Peel** (MA '99) recently took on the position of assistant principal at Sussex Technical High School in Georgetown, Del. He and wife Lisa have two children.

and also have a son Henry (4.5) and daughter Payson (2.5). Congratulations all! ✳ **Ian Wolfe** and wife Karen (Stanford '95) celebrated their wedding in Aspen, Colo., on September 15, 2008. Midd friends included **Steve Kocaj** and wife Irene Cho, Caitlin and Stuart Salyer, **Brad Corrigan**, **Charlie Whinery** and wife Tia, **Greg Guido**, **Andrew** and **Amy Atwood Kvaal** (and daughter Caroline), and **Jenny Fisher**. ✳ Eamonn and **Pera Tory Flood** welcomed Tory Isabella Flood on January 3. She joined big brother Owen. ✳ **Rebecca Rhynhart** was married last fall to Steven Bright at the Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain in Vermont. She is the treasurer of the city of Philadelphia and her husband is a cable television and Internet media specialist with Comcast. ✳ Last fall, **Shannon Haines**, executive director of Waterville (Maine) Main Street and director of the Maine International Film Festival, was awarded the Ken Curtis Leadership Award by the Maine Development Foundation. ✳ Please continue to send us your news—we love hearing from you! Amanda & Megan

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As usual, the Class of 1997 has been busy getting married, moving around the country, and having babies! ✳ **Elisabeth Wynn** married James Shipley on September 20, 2008, at Historic London Town and Gardens near Annapolis, Md. Several Midd grads attended including her mother, Barbara Oswalt Wynn '67, and friends Ashley McMullin Hanser '96, Robby '99 and **Catherine Herrick Levy**, Stephen '94 and Andress Beck Pettibone '98, **Emily Hainen Smith**, **Elizabeth Kennedy Zamorano**, Jessica Angell Moore '96, and Chuck Ainsworth, MA German '74. Elisabeth is VP, health finance at the Greater New York Hospital Association where she advocates on behalf of the hospitals in the New York metropolitan area on finance and reimbursement issues. ✳ **Becca Dunning** and Brian Jones were married at the home of Becca's parents in Cornwall, Vt., on May 31, 2008. Many Middlebury graduates helped celebrate, including her parents Dwight '67 and Judy Enright Dunning '66 and friends **Alison Penzine O'Donnell**, **Kara Delahunt**, Nick Bobrov '99, **Joe** and **Carolyn Stewart Birbiglia**, Katharine Lord '00, and Christopher Lord '02. Becca and Brian recently moved to Portland, Ore., where Brian began his internal medicine residency and Becca is teaching Spanish at Parkrose High School. ✳ On July 12, 2008, **Amy Wlodarski** and Jeremy Ball gathered with friends and family to celebrate their wedding in Bar Harbor, Maine. Amy and Jeremy both teach at Dickinson College. ✳ Reed Ralston was born in Denver, Colo., on July 17, 2008, to **Matt Ralston** and wife Julie. We hear that big sister Katie is already teaching Reed how to ski! ✳ **Amy Smith Johnson** and husband Jeremy are excited to announce that Brynn Annika Johnson arrived on January 6, 2009. Paige (3) is excited to be a big sister! The Johnson family is enjoying life in Williamsburg, Va. ✳ Please keep sending us your news!

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Scott Nelson and wife Emily welcomed their second boy, Hollis Wright Nelson, on August 4, 2008. Scott is the director of global brand communications at Converse, where he travels the world working for one of the hottest brands. Most recently, he led the "My Drive Thru" music collaboration effort featuring Julian Casablancas from the Strokes, Pharrell William, and Santogold. The family resides in Boston's South

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End. ✷ On July 30, 2008, **Anne Marie Oberg Pelletier** and husband Michael welcomed Warren Everett Pelletier. Warren joined big brother Griffin who was born in April 2006. Anne Marie made the difficult decision not to return to her executive position at the Hartford after her maternity leave expired in the fall of 2006 and has since settled very comfortably into life as a stay-at-home mom. She enjoys cooking, baking, doing arts and crafts, and attending playgroups and classes with her sons, and she's a board member for a local Moms' Club. She occasionally does consulting work for local research companies, but enjoys spending the majority of her time with her two boys. Husband Michael leads the technology practice at a Connecticut-based management and technology consulting firm. Anne Marie welcomes e-mails from classmates looking to reconnect at amopelletier@hotmail.com. ✷ **Casey Ruck Lebwohl** writes "Layla Alexandra Lebwohl was born on September 9, 2008, in The Woodlands, Texas (just a couple of days before Hurricane Ike blew through). Big brother Zachary is doing well sharing the spotlight and Jason and I couldn't be happier." ✷ **Francois Bourbeau** finished his seventh season as head coach of boys' ice hockey at the Hun School in Princeton, N.J., where he also teaches math. ✷ After graduating from Temple Univ. Dental School, then from UPenn with a specialty in orthodontics, **Michaela McCormick** joined her father's orthodontic practice, which has offices in West Grove, Oxford, and Kennett Square, Pa.
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The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce selected Union Street Media, **Ted Adler**'s company, as the recipient of the A. Wayne Roberts Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. The award is presented annually to a local business that exemplifies entrepreneurship, leadership, creativity, and business expertise. ✷ **Adam Burns** has taken a job working for a judge in Sacramento, Calif., for a year and moved with his cat Mittens last October. ✷ **Missy Hopkins Smith** and husband Alden, MA English '00, welcomed daughter Ellicott "Ella" Amalie Smith on December 3, 2008. ✷ **Ashley Twyon Bryan** writes, "Dan '98 and I welcomed our second child, Jack. His big sister Addie is taking to her new role well." They still love living in Vermont and couldn't wait to take the kids skiing. ✷ **Adam** and **Amy Schildgen Sobek** recently moved back east with their four kids and began their own business, GeoInnovative Solutions. They're living in Litchfield, Conn. ✷ **Charles Macintosh** has moved to Santa Fe, N.M., and is welcoming all visitors as well as all job offers. He's training for an Ironman and hoping the 7,000 feet of elevation will help with his paltry aerobic capacity. ✷ **Ian** and **Kate Swan Malin** are living in Hong Kong where Ian recently became a VP at Seabury Asia. ✷ **Deana Becker** is back on the East Coast and has settled in Natick, Mass., with husband Paul and one-year-old son Rowan (neither from Midd, at least not yet). ✷ **Liza Shaw** is the chef de cuisine at the restaurant A16 in San Francisco where, in addition to overseeing the kitchen staff, she is in charge of the seasonal menu inspired by the cuisine of Campania, Italy. ✷ While working on his MFA in ceramics at Hood College, **Cameron Petke** has been making ceramic bells as part of his thesis. A ceramics teacher at Urbana High School, he and wife **Natasha Kobran** live in Frederick, Md., with their two children. ✷ **Andrea Atkinson** has been working for Unilever for nine years and is the brand-building manager for Lipton Tea. She has worked on brands such as Ragu, Skippy, and Hellman's mayonnaise. Currently she is also helping to launch a new beverage.
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Melissa Duerr and Thatcher Moats were married November 28, 2008, by **Alice Lee**, who became a Universal Life minister to perform the ceremony, which took place on the beach in Puako, Hawaii. Melissa is a midwife and a partner in Full Spectrum Midwifery in Burlington, Vt. Thatcher is a reporter who covers crime and the courts for the *Barre-Montpelier Times Argus*. ✷ This past summer **Chris Sullivan** joined North Country Obstetrics/Gynecology Services in Newport, Vt., after completing his residency at UVM and Fletcher Allen Health Care. He earned his medical degree in 2004 from Rush Medical College in Chicago, which is affiliated with Rush Medical Center. ✷ **Matthew Levy** recently joined the law firm Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis as an associate in the international practice group. Fluent in Mandarin, his experience will be an asset to the firm's growing China practice.
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Last fall Fish & Richardson P.C. announced that **Courtney Quish Meyer** had joined as an associate in the litigation group in the firm's Boston office. With a J.D. from the Univ. of Mich. Law School, she formerly was an associate at Bromberg & Sunstein LLP. ✷ **Susanne Fogt** writes, "I just started a graduate program in city and regional planning at UPenn's School of Design. **Lindsay Dormer Robinson** and her husband and son live nearby, as does Wendy Miner '02—both graduates of the nursing program at Penn." ✷ **Susan Angst** and **Matt Rymzo** were married August 8, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage, Alaska. A reception followed at Raven Glacier Lodge in Girdwood, where guests enjoyed "superb" food and dancing late into the night. After a honeymoon in the California wine country, the couple returned to their home in Newport, R.I. Both working at St. George's School in Newport, Susan serves as associate director of admissions and Matt teaches English and is the head coach of girls' varsity tennis. ✷ On October 11, **Lanse Davis** married Whitney Moses in Staunton, Va. He works as an investment manager in Mill Valley, Calif. ✷ **Chris** and **Greta Simmons Herbert** moved to a home in Wilton, Conn., with plenty of room for their growing family. Chris left McKinsey to join Bloomberg in New York, where he is working in news and multimedia strategy. ✷ **Pete Day** says, "I'm still happily making music as a full-time profession. I'm living in Burlington, Vt., and traveling all over with The Grift, along with Clint Bierman '97 and Jeff Vallone '98, to destinations near and far, arctic and tropical. We just finished recording a new album that is the best stuff we've ever done, and will be touring heavily to promote it in 2009." ✷ **Kelvin Roldán** was reelected to the Connecticut House of Representatives, winning his election with 93 percent of the vote. Subsequently, the Speaker of the House named him vice chairman of the Appropriations Committee. **Mathew Sorokin** served as his campaign treasurer and attorney. **Kristen Paiva** and daughter Miriana could be found in the HQ helping out with logistics. ✷ Anya Porter Nasveschuk was born on April 10, 2008, in Ft. Collins, Colo., to **Jen Bahnson** and **Chris Nasveschuk**. Jen and Chris are doing well and are now dealing with a very active one-year-old! ✷ **Adil Husain** writes, "I'm still managing Emerging Asia Ltd. here in Shanghai. I visited Washington and New York for business in December just before the holidays and had a chance to catch up with **Genta Itoh** in Washington, and James Meader '02, William Garrett '02, **Henry Flores**, **Adam Schildge**, and **Sumit Choudhury** in New York." ✷ **Dan Graham** has news: "I got married! Reanna Lavine (American University '02) and I tied the knot in our backyard, on the banks of the Ompompanoosuc River in Post Mills, Vt., on August 19, 2008. Mike Brown, justice of the peace, performed the ceremony, and our two dogs were the witnesses (no human witnesses are required in Vermont!). We went to Holland for our honeymoon and are delightedly still living in Post Mills." ✷ **Sarah Theall Lemke** and husband Scott have purchased a home in Medfield, Mass. Sarah works in Boston as a real estate attorney at Goulston Storrs. She was happy to see **Kristin Behr Otten** and **Kate Robertson** in October 2008 at Middlebury for the 10-year reunion of the women's field hockey NCAA championship team. ✷ **Keegan Uhl** has finished film school and is enjoying the weather, unemployment, and the surrounding mountains in L.A. with wife Martha Crootof Uhl '04 and their dog, Buzz Lightyear. ✷ **Peter Morgan** has moved back to San Francisco from Alaska and is working for the Sierra Club. ✷ **Elana Wilson Rowe** reports, "I'm still living in Norway, although we've moved about 30 minutes further down the fjord out of Oslo so now I commute into work at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs." Over the past year, Elana returned to the United States to attend the weddings of **Sharon Wilson** and **Pauline Gaden**. Sharon married Michael Purdy in late May 2008 at the Purdy's home outside of Washington, D.C. Joining in the celebration were Elana, Pauline, **Garrett Dodge**, **Kristen Lyall**, **Sarah Day Guzman**, **Laura Daly Hall**, **Laura Ford**, **Ellen Guettler**, and **Carolyn Wilsey**. The Purdys live in D.C. where Sharon is a planetary geologist researching Mars at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum and Michael is an associate at the law firm Hogan & Hartson. Pauline married Issac Moore in Boulder, Colo., on January 2, 2009, in the presence of Elana, Sharon, Carolyn, **Maggie Sullivan Levy**, and **Susan Batchelder**. ✷ Also getting married was **Eli Mello** to Melissa Cabral on May 8, 2008. While working on his master's at Providence College, he is a science teacher at Seekonk (Mass.) High School, where his wife is a guidance counselor.
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Last June it was announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration had awarded **Jack Thurston** Vermont's 2008 Small Business Journalist of the Year Award. The features reporter at WCAX-TV in Burlington, Vt., Jack has been producing a popular series called *Made in Vermont* that spotlights the creativity of small business artisans and entrepreneurs around the state. He was nominated for the award by Lincoln Peak Vineyard owner, Chris Granstrom '74. ✳ **Justin Cambria** writes that he is spending a few rent-free months at home in Massachusetts finishing up GMATs and MBA applications for fall 2009 programs and working freelance for a startup called Povo.com. He hangs out a lot with his new Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy, Josie, plays lots of squash, and is doing some bikram yoga whenever possible. ✳ **Johanna Michaels Kreisel** and husband Adam welcomed daughter Juliet Paige on March 10, 2008. Johanna also graduated last May from American University's Washington College of Law, passed the Maryland Bar, and is working at a small firm in D.C. doing health law. ✳ **Brian Elworthy** is back in Boston working at law firm Ropes and Gray. ✳ **John Swindal** and **Megan Gremelspacher** were married last August in Connecticut and are living in Birmingham, Ala. "**Ben Williams** and Melissa Reid Bradley '04 also live in town with their honeys and we see them often. Also close by, in Atlanta, are Wills '03 and **Anna Conrad Allen**. A December trip to Boston reunited us with a bunch of Midd friends who live in the area, as well as **Dana Gordon** and **Andrew Dombrowski** who were visiting from Chicago." ✳ **Katie Tallon** and **Pete Rosenblum** were married on June 14, 2008. They're living in NYC. ✳ **Mike Malloy** recently joined the law firm of Skelton Taintor & Abbott in Auburn, Maine, as an associate attorney. He earned his law degree from Suffolk Univ. Law School last year. ✳ **Justin Beckwith** was profiled on FasterSkier.com as the head nordic ski coach at Green Mountain Valley School. Justin loves living in Vermont and is an avid kayaker and teleskier. One of his favorite things to do is ski and kayak on the same day in the spring. ✳ **Joshua Howe** was recently awarded the American Meteorological Society Graduate Fellowship in the History of Science. The award carries a $15,000 stipend and will support one year of dissertation research. Josh is working on his Ph.D. in history from Stanford Univ. and his thesis is entitled "Making Global Warming Green: Climate Change and American Environmentalism, 1957–1992." ✳ **Brian Ferry** graduated from the Univ. of Mich. Law School last May and has joined the law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in NYC as an associate. ✳ On June 27, 2008, **Mason Smith** married Kelly Keyes in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Mason is in the Ph.D. program at the Mass. School of Psychology and Kelly is employed as a literacy specialist with the Boston school system.

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03

Erin Neil Murphy sent news she's graduating in May with her doctorate in physical therapy. She and her husband also own the Reveille Restaurant in Johnson City, N.Y., and invite any Midd Kids to come and have a good meal when they're in the area. Her sister, **Amber Neil Smith**, is a personal trainer in Endicott, N.Y., and lives with her husband and their two dogs in their newly built home in Lisle, N.Y. Both sisters still play ice hockey when they can. ✳ On July 5, 2008, **Lisa Jasinski** celebrated her marriage to Patrick Keating at the Central Public Library in San Antonio, Texas. "It was a real treat for us to give friends and relatives—including Jack Thurston '02, Dan Shea '04, **Yoshie Komada**, **Nathan Davis**, and Andrew Gustafson '04—a taste of central Texas during their visit. Nathan was gracious enough to be ordained for the day and performed our ceremony! After the wedding, Patrick and I enjoyed a dream honeymoon in Paris. We're both now back to work at our respective jobs at Trinity Univ. here in San Antonio." Earlier that summer Lisa traveled to Madison, Wis., where she was able to catch up with **Jeremy Holiday** and wife Jody just days before the arrival of their first son—Ethan Joseph Holiday, born at home on June 26, 2008. ✳ With a law degree from Vermont Law School, **Michael Stahler** is working in Rutland, Vt., for the firm Kenlan Schwiebert Facey & Goss. ✳ **Caitlin Vaughn** writes, "I'm in my final year at Boston College Law School and living in Boston. I got together with **Margot Simpson** and **Devon Bertram** last November before Dev's big move to Colorado. It was great." ✳ **Betsy Wyman** and Brian Robinson were married on October 18, 2008, at the Inn on Peaks Island, Maine. With a degree in nursing from the Univ. of Southern Maine, Betsy is a radiation oncology nurse at Duke Univ. Medical Center in Durham, N.C., and Brian works in human resources at Apple Gold Group in Raleigh. ✳ **Ben LaBolt**, former press secretary for Barack Obama, was on campus this winter to deliver a lecture entitled "What It Took: Reflections on Barack Obama's Unlikely Path to the Presidency," providing an inside glimpse into the 2008 election season.

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04

REUNION CLASS

Don't forget that our 5th reunion is June 5–7! ✳ Last October, the New Jersey law firm Parker McCay announced that **Alexis Batten** had joined the firm as an associate. With a law degree from Villanova Univ., she previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable John Sweeney in the Superior Court of New Jersey. ✳ **Athenia Fischer** and Kendall Rodney tied the knot on October 11, 2008, with over 23 alumni and staff in attendance at the Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrating and enjoying each other's time. They took lots of pictures, ate great food, danced, and of course had a couple of drinks to honor the Middlebury tradition. Even Marichael Gentry and Ann Hanson stopped by for the ceremony. ✳ **Luke Mueller** wrote that he is taking a year off from medical school to get an MBA. ✳ A third-year law student at Washington and Lee Univ. School of Law, **Kathryn Hall** was included in the 2009 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.* ✳ **Cherine Anderson** performed at two sold-out events for the inauguration ceremonies—on Monday, January 19, at the Green Ball and on Tuesday at the Peace Ball.

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05

Padma Govindan has been living in Chennai, India, for the last three years and is finally gearing up to move back to the States by applying for grad school and keeping her fingers crossed. In her time in India she founded and now runs an NGO-collective for queer rights called the Shakti Center and is also a sex advice columnist for the *New Indian Express*, a popular English daily newspaper. (Check out the blog archives: www.queeries.wordpress.com!) Padma has also seen a section of her senior thesis at Middlebury published as a chapter in *Global Bollywood,* an anthology published by the NYU Press. She has two more academic publications by Sage India and Yoda Press on the docket for this year. Padma will miss the rickshaw rides and Madras coffee, but is really looking forward to American burritos. ✳ Last summer **Dena Simmons** worked at Family Care International in their global advocacy department on their Women Deliver Initiative, a project whose aim is to improve and to advocate for maternal health internationally. In the fall she returned to teaching so that she could move up with her students for a third year even though she completed her Teach For America two-year commitment last June. ✳ **Jasmin Johnson** started a graduate program last fall in public policy at Harvard Univ. ✳ **Rev Avasarala** is in her second year as a master's candidate at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service. So far, so good and Washington, D.C., seems to be growing on her. She traveled in Egypt at the beginning of last summer and since last May has been interning with a consulting firm started by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. It's an exciting time to be in D.C.! ✳ **Leslie Thompson** left Morgan Stanley last August to start graduate school at Georgetown's Walsh School. So far, the program is exciting and challenging and her classmates are impressive people. It's been fun to connect with the other Midd alums like Rev and Alexandra Widas '08, who's also a first-year in the program, and Ben Spitz '04, in his second year. Considering that there are less than 100 students per class, Midd is very well represented! ✳ **Carmen Granda** visited **Kelley Cayton** in California for her birthday last June. In August, Carmen finished her MA in Spanish literature with Middlebury's program in Spain. ✳ Doing a six-month internship, **Terray Sylvester** is working as a staff reporter at *High Country News* in Paonia, Colo. ✳ With a master's in education from Lesley Univ., **Eliza Cameron Eaton** is working this year as a fourth grade teacher at Maple Street School in Manchester, Vt. ✳ **Lindsey Whitton** and **Matthew Christ** were married on August 2, 2008, in Wilton, Conn., with many Midd friends and family in attendance.

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After teaching in Maine for the past two years, **Jen Watson** is back to being a student. Last fall she started a Ph.D. program in art history at Johns Hopkins Univ. and she says she's happy with school and loves living in Baltimore. She recently met up with **Ashley Kerr** and **Emily Erickson** in D.C., visited **Mark Barber** in New York, and enjoyed seeing more Middlebury faces over the holiday break. ✳ After playing in the World Kickball

Championships in Las Vegas with his Washington, D.C., team, **Ryan Hart** started at Georgetown Law last fall. ✳ **Frankie Powell** finished his MPH program at BU in December, concentrating in epidemiology and biostats. Last July, he began a new job at Brigham and Women's Hospital as a clinical research associate in the division of thoracic surgery. He hosted a New Year's Eve party at his new condo in Boston, attended by many Midd grads. ✳ **Ryan McQuillan** is a partner with a wealth management team at Merrill Lynch in Boston. ✳ **Jonathan Sisto** recently moved to NYC. ✳ **Patrick Leibach** is in his first year at Columbia Univ. Law School (along with fellow '06ers **Phil Kehl** and **Maren Messing**) and is living with **George Keiser** and Marco Casas '07. He says law school is actually a lot of fun. ✳ For the past two years, **Emily Egginton** has been living on NYC's Upper West Side and working at Waterkeeper Alliance, an international advocacy organization founded by Robert Kennedy Jr. that connects and supports 186 waterkeepers who all prosecute polluters to ensure clean water. Emily, **Kat Cooley**, **Christine Fisher**, **Rachel Sommer**, **Rachel Dunlap**, **Liz Somes**, **Laura Beerits**, and **Jocelyn Florence** made a pilgrimage to Middlebury for Homecoming last fall. The girls ventured to the football game before returning to the art museum for wine, cheese, and a tour of classic pieces and Chinese painting and sculpture by the lovely Ramona Richards '09. Their evening was inspired by freshman year, beginning at the Middlebury Ball, continuing to an unnamed frat house by the health center, and concluding in a dizzied rave in the basement of the Mill. ✳ Last fall **Tristram Arscott**, **Meghan Beucher**, Kira Wozmak Fiset '04, Mckalyn Garrity '04, **Mike Hart**, **Mollie Reed**, and **Nolan Sandygren** started at the UVM med school. ✳ **April Butler** bought a house in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont with her fiancé last summer. They visited **Matt Sesno** in Philadelphia for Thanksgiving, and she recently met up with **Lauren Curatolo**, **Assia Elgouacem**, and **Nira "Trinity" Gaddy** in NYC just before Trinity moved across the country. ✳ **Heidi Erbe** is working at San Francisco Day School with Liam Aiello '05 and Beth Hatem '04. She reports there are an absurd number of Middlebury kids out in San Francisco. She's been able to hang out with **Janie Mackey**, **Zach Foster**, **Jay Boren**, Kelly Blynn '07, Lindsey Franklin '07, Emily Adler '07, Dylan Graetz '08, **May Boeve**, Jamie Henn '07, and **David Hopkins** a bunch. David has spent the last two years as the contributing editor of a book called *The Tactics of Hope: How Social Entrepreneurs Are Changing Our World* (www.TacticsofHope.org). David is now working with a team of committed entrepreneurs to start a new social enterprise called Borderless Educations. ✳ **Zoey Burrows** moved to Berkeley and is working as a development associate at Solar Richmond, a green-collar job training nonprofit. **Melissa Barnes** came west from NYC for Halloween and they tasted fine wines together in Napa. Zoey was planning to head to Mexico to visit with **Rebecca Cushing** and **Tamara Jacobi** in March. ✳ **Jack Donaldson** moved out to L.A. last fall and works at Endeavor, a talent agency in Beverly Hills. ✳ **Krissy Joseph** is getting her MS in geophysics at the Univ. of Houston. She saw **Niyama Rai**, **Niraj Dhungel**, Jasmin Johnson '05, and Yok Vorasatmatee '05 at the home of Liane Bicknell Barrera '64 in Middlebury last Thanksgiving. ✳ **Michael Emery** finished a year of teaching English in China in February and was headed back to the States to find a normal job. ✳ **Jenny Jorvig** lives in Philadelphia and just finished her master's in elementary education from Saint Joseph's Univ. ✳ **Becca Evans** is in the VMD/Ph.D. combined degree program at UPenn, studying veterinary medicine and cancer biology. **Schuyler Winstead** (living with Becca) and Alice Flanders '07 are also in the vet school class, so Middlebury is well represented! ✳ In September **Ryan Armstrong** married Alisha Williams (a Vanderbilt grad and a nurse practitioner at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.). Some of the groomsmen included **Andrew Pavoni**, **Scott Atkinson**, **Tyler Bak**, **Dom Didomenico**, and **Coleman Hutzler**. ✳ Thanks for all the news! We had so much that the rest will appear in the summer.

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Meg Young, **Kate Leyland**, and **Dan Knowlton** spent last fall working together on earthquake relief and corporate social responsibility in Chengdu, China. During the past year, Chengdu has housed several Midd alums: Kat Cooley '06, **Jodie Zhang**, **Emmy Komada**, **Derek Poon**, and **Christina Winkler**. ✳ **Jennifer Christian** joined the Peace Corps and last September headed to Malawi for her preservice training. She's teaching English and HIV/AIDS awareness to secondary school students and will be in Malawi for two years. ✳ **Won Park** has joined investment bank Covington Associates as an analyst. Previously he worked as an analyst in Piper Jaffray's financial institutions group in NYC. ✳ **Marika "Miko" Heller** is in China. You can follow her adventures on www.whereisthemiko.com. ✳ Toth Brand Imaging recently added **Zach Toth** as account coordinator. ✳ **Danielle Levine** is teaching in a third/fourth grade classroom at the Mountain School at Winhall in southern Vermont.

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08

We caught up with some of our classmates as they continue to adjust to life in the "real world." (Note: the real world does not have a holiday break, celebrate J-term, or include unlimited trips to the dining hall.) ✳ **Aifuwa Ehigiator** and **Lemar Clarke** meet up often in NYC after days working at Bloomberg and Barclays Capital respectively. ✳ **Justin Scott** and **Rowan Morris** traveled to Thailand, Egypt, and Greece before starting at Lehman Brothers and moving in with **Drew Walker**, **Neil D'Astolfo** and, in Rowan's words, "a few mice" in their NYC apartment. Drew spends his time behind the desk at Morgan Stanley, yet finds time on Friday mornings to teach economics to seventh graders at a charter school in Harlem. ✳ **Steph Levine** is now working at Barclays Capital and hosted a Christmas party for fellow Midd Kids, complete with authentic American Flatbread and Otter Creek White Sail. ✳ **Brittany Burke** works as an intern at *Glamour* and was published in their February issue. ✳ Down in D.C., **Ashwin Gargeya** is consulting at Cambridge Associates and living with **Bryce Loidolt**. ✳ **Joel Martinez** works for the American Bar Association and spends his days collaborating with fellow colleagues on the World Justice Project. ✳ Also in D.C. in January, the NCAA Honors Committee awarded **Kelly Brush** the 2009 Inspiration Award for her courage and determination in overcoming adversity. ✳ In Boston, **Ted Iobst** and **Eric Lonstein** are living together. ✳ **Tina Drake** is there as well, working as a "barista extraordinaire" at a local coffee shop while applying to grad school. ✳ **Cheryl McClurg** conducts HIV/AIDS research at Mass General Hospital, hanging out with **Ellen Nagami** from time to time at their lab meetings. ✳ **Kelsey Nykiel-Bub** lives south of Boston in an apartment in Quincy, Mass., with **Luke Yoquinto** and works at the Boston Higashi School in Randolph, an international school for children with autism, as a residential instructor with adolescent boys. ✳ **Clayton Reed** was appointed the head coach of the alpine ski team at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. ✳ **Peter Bell** is in a training program in employee benefit sales with MetLife in Waltham, Mass. ✳ **Pam Chatikavanij** is studying sea anemones in Cape Cod and even flew to Haiti for a week to continue her studies. ✳ **Tyler Johnson** is at The Basic School in Quantico, Va., training to be a Marine infantry officer before heading to flight school. ✳ **Tim Cavanaugh** is putting his geology major skills to use and is now working for an oil company in Houston, Texas. ✳ **Joy Erdman** and **Andrew Peters** spent time in Colorado and hiked through Rocky Mountain National Park. ✳ **John Lanahan** moved in with Vandy Shanholt '07 in San Francisco to start a job at a small venture capital firm called LaunchCapital after taking an epic cross-country road trip that ended in Monterey, Calif., with a visit to **Jack Britton**. ✳ **Katie Chambers** ran the Philadelphia Marathon in 3:27 and qualified for the Boston Marathon in April. She couldn't have done it without the support of **Donnie Stuart**, who cheered on the runner throughout the race and then returned to his Teach For America job in Philadelphia. ✳ **Ted Parker** is at the Portsmouth Abbey School in Portsmouth, R.I., serving as an assistant houseparent in a dorm and coaching sailing and squash. Ted writes, "I teach an interdisciplinary humanities course to 10th graders and English to 11th graders, and I'm doing my best to stay a night ahead of them!" ✳ **Jamie Hand** started his own business with older brother Thomas '06 and later joined by **Philip Picotte**, conducting energy auditing in Manchester, Vt. ✳ **Jake McComb** is completing his doctorate in nuclear engineering at the Univ. of Maryland. ✳ **Bil Davison** has taken Professor Dry's lectures to heart, and is now enrolled as a first-year law student at BU. ✳ Abroad, **Steph Shui** recently took a trip to China. ✳ Also in the region is **Andrew Goodwin**, who is working at Deutsche Bank in Hong Kong. ✳ **Amy McCowan** moved to Beijing in November to teach English before applying to law school. ✳ **Zach Elmore** spent time in the country working for UPS. ✳ **Caeli Nistler-Schnabel** was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in China this year. ✳ Stay connected by joining the Class of 2008 Facebook page!

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27 **Elga Maxfield Winans**, 102, of Rochester, Mich., on March 27, 2008. After college, she worked in the circulation department of *Electrical Trade* magazine for six years and later became a dental assistant. She and her husband retired to North Carolina where she loved to play golf and garden. She spent many hours volunteering at the local hospital and thrift shop. She was predeceased by husband Raymond. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sisters Lila Maxfield Gerland '30 and Reba Maxfield Smith '23. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Marcia Smith Copperwhite '57.

32 **Josephine Saunders Taggart**, 96, of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., on December 7, 2007. With an MS in bacteriology and course-work in laboratory technology, she worked for several years at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit before marrying and raising her daughters, Nancy and Emily. She volunteered for the Girl Scouts, Red Cross, and her church. She was predeceased by husband William and sister Lucy Saunders '31.

33 **Philip L. Carpenter**, 96, of Wakefield, R.I., on October 10, 2008. After earning his MS from Brown Univ. and his Ph.D. from the Univ. of Wisconsin, he taught bacteriology at Iowa State College for five years before joining the faculty of the Univ. of Rhode Island where he taught microbiology for over 30 years. Both he and his wife were loyal supporters of the College, serving in many volunteer positions including 10 years as class secretaries, and in 1993, the College awarded them the Alumni Plaque Award for being "the epitome of self-sacrificing and dedicated alumni." He was predeceased by wife Helen Easton Carpenter '33 and son Robert. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Warren, Class of 1909, mother Lucia (Avery), Class of 1898, sister Elizabeth Carpenter Metcalf '40, cousins John Avery Jr. '36, Herbert Avery '38, and Edith Avery Glassmyer '46.

35 **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon**, 94, of Peterborough, N.H., on September 11, 2008. After earning an AB in library science at the Univ. of Michigan, she worked in the university library several years. Taking time off to raise her family, she returned to library work in 1966, serving as a children's librarian in the Westchester (N.Y.) public schools and the White Plains (N.Y.) Public Library until her retirement in 1978. Moving to Peterborough, she became actively involved in the community, helping to establish the local food co-op and volunteering with the historical society and public library. Predeceased by husband David, she is survived by sons David and Daniel, daughters Ruth and Deborah, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include cousin Margaret Doubleday Tandy '39.

39 **William J. Heck**, 90, of Granbury, Texas, on October 4, 2008. After obtaining a law degree from Columbia Univ., he joined the Army and served at Biggs Field in El Paso, Texas, as a celestial navigation instructor during WWII. Moving to New Mexico after the war, he opened his own law office in Hobbs and practiced law until retirement in 1997. With a love for horse racing, he bred and raised thoroughbred horses for 12 years. He is survived by wife E. Louise (Florence), daughters Stella Barrow, Leslee Erickson, and Abbe Lawson, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

42 **Theodore R. Ogden**, 88, formerly of Middleton, Mass., on September 6, 2008. A naval aviator during WWII and the Korean War, he flew fighter planes from the USS *Bunker Hill* and the USS *WASP* in the Pacific and achieved the rank of lieutenant commander. A writer and businessman, he played a large role in the planning and development of Pleasure Island, Wakefield, Mass., with Bill Hawkes '43. Survivors include wife Teena (Gloekler).

43 **Charlotte Johnson Doe**, 86, of Harvard, Mass., on September 19, 2008. Along with owning and operating Doe Orchards in Harvard with her husband, she taught and coached sports at Applewild School in Fitchburg, Mass., and Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., retiring in 1987. Predeceased by husband Whitney, she is survived by daughter Nancy, sons Lawrence and Jonathan, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Arthur E. Rasmussen, 85, of Walton, N.Y., on September 3, 2008. While serving in the Merchant Marine in WWII, he received his master's in international relations from the Univ. of Chicago while at sea. He then served as an officer in the Army until the end of the war. Earning an MBA from Harvard in 1947, he began his business career at Booz, Allen & Hamilton. From 1957 until 1967 he was a financial VP and director of Avco Corp. He became president of Household International in 1967, retiring from that position in 1972 and serving as chairman until 1990. He served on a number of boards of major corporations and not-for-profit organizations, and he was a major supporter and board member of the Institute for American Values. Providing start-up funding, he helped establish a graduate degree in family support at the Univ. of Chicago and was involved in numerous other charitable endeavors. Survivors include wife Joann (Spain), sons Mark and Will, daughters Kim and Ann, and six grandchildren.

44 **Parmly S. Clapp III**, 85, of Inglewood, Calif., on May 3, 2008. After attending UCLA School of Acting, he landed roles in film, television, and commercials. For many years he worked as a marketing and promotional consultant for Vis/Aid Marketing. Predeceased by wife Phyllis, he is survived by son Parmly IV and daughter Pamela.

George S. "Pete" Harris, 85, of Laconia, N.H., on September 18, 2008. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII, and after earning his MD from the Univ. of Rochester Medical School, served as a first lieutenant in the hospital at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., during the Korean War. He began his pediatric career in private practice in Scarsdale, N.Y., then moved with his family to New Hampshire where he joined the Laconia Clinic. He was also a founder of the Lakes Region Mental Health Clinic in 1966 and served as president of the board of directors for several years. In 1976 he became the school physician at Northfield-Mt. Hermon School, retiring in 1988. A lifelong lover of music, he played in several jazz combos and sang in church choirs and a choral society. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara (Busing) '46, daughters Anne Onion '69, Martha Dolben '72, and Ellen Swiggett '82, son Peter '74, and 10 grandchildren including Megan Harris Batchelder '00, Zakary Pritchard '01, and Joshua Onion '02. Deceased Middlebury relatives include aunt Margaret Harris Harrison '18, and cousins Marjory Harrison Tiger '46 and Nancy Harrison Bove '52. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousins Patricia Salmon Henderson '48 and Barbara Harrison Naddaff '55.

45 **Barbara Drury Sand**, 85, formerly of Jamestown, R.I., on October 9, 2008. While she and her husband moved with his job, she lived in such places as Valencia, Venezuela; Ocotlán, Mexico; and Mexico City. Settling in Jamestown, she enjoyed the ocean, nature, music, and tennis. Predeceased by husband Barrett, she is survived by daughter Sharon Schwab, sons Jeffrey and Brian, 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ann Robinson Walker, 85, of Medford Leas, Pa., on November 22, 2008. For 20 years she taught in the Moorestown (N.J.) school system and earned her master's from Glassboro State College in 1969. She was an active volunteer in the Moorestown community and continued her volunteer activities after moving to Medford Leas. She served for many years as class secretary for the Class of 1945. Predeceased by first husband Elam Hitchner and second husband Bill Walker, she is survived by son Lee, daughters Beth, Joan, and Lynne, 16 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

48 **John R. Carpenter**, 85, of West Lafayette, Ind., on October 31, 2008. Serving in the Navy during WWII, he was awarded the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. After working in sales and as manager of the Smith-Alsop Paint & Varnish Co., he and his wife bought the Rug Shop, which they operated until they sold it in 1988. Wife Esther (Sparks) survives him.

Martin C. Schmidt, 85, of Mashpee, Mass., on May 6, 2008. During WWII, he served in the Air Force for three years, including two years in India. Living in Middlebury 49 years, he worked at Simmonds Precision in Vergennes in various capacities including as a computer operations manager. After retirement he and his wife relocated to Mashpee on Cape Cod. Predeceased by daughter Jean, he is survived by wife Ruth (Burgess) '48, sons William and Nicholas, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include Martin Cady, Class of 1869, Walter Howard (the College's first dean), Class of 1871, Prof. Frank W. Cady, Class of 1899, Eliza Cady Jones '15, Mildred Cady Esten '19, Charles Cutting '21, Wallace Cady '34, Howard Cady '36, and Frances Cady Grauman '41. Surviving Middlebury relatives include Joann Cutting Child '53, Richard Esten '54, Peter Cady '63, and Anne Cady '73.

49 **Priscilla Davis Ballou**, 81, of Brookline, Vt., on September 27, 2008. While her husband was in the CIA, she and her family moved often, living in Washington, D.C., Japan, Okinawa, Singapore, Hong Kong, Holland, and Beijing. Retiring to Brookline, she became actively involved in the community, serving as

chair of the Valley Health Council and the Brookline Ladies Benevolent Society. Her husband, Christopher, survives her. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Karl '17 and aunt Gladys Davis Peabody '14. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Sylvia Davis Robinson '54.

Louis F. Rosso, 84, of McLean, Va., on September 28, 2008. After serving in the Army during WWII, he completed his degree at Middlebury and went to Europe where he taught in Paris. In the mid-1950s he worked as an interpreter for the department of the Army in Trieste, Italy, then served as an aide at the U.S. Consulate in Hanoi, Vietnam, until it closed. For most of his career, he was with the Central Intelligence Agency. He is survived by wife Nancy (McDonough), son Joseph, daughters Lucia, Juliet, Martha, and Caroline, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

50 **John R. Mulroy Jr.**, 83, of Cleveland, Ohio, on September 4, 2008. After three years serving in WWII, he was called back into active duty during the Korean War and served on the destroyer, the USS *Hyman*. He then began his teaching career at Worcester (Mass.) Academy, leaving after nine years to teach at the Hawken School in Cleveland. He eventually became the dean and humanities department head at Electronic Technology Institute. He was a longtime member of the Cleveland City Club. Predeceased by son Richard, he is survived by daughters Leslie, Lee, and Kerry, and five grandchildren.

51 **Helen Guernsey Bates**, 78, of Des Moines, Wash., and Hemet, Calif., on September 1, 2008. She worked as a research chemist at Weyerhaeuser and Boeing, retiring in 1994. Among other activities, she enjoyed skiing, hiking, and dancing, and was an active volunteer, including at the Des Moines Senior Center. She is survived by daughters Marti Carl, Kathryn Hill, and Karin Ockerman, son Steve, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include Janet Lockhart '65.

Abigail Haskins Bogie, 78, of New Milford, Conn., on September 25, 2008. After earning her master's in social work from UConn, she worked at the Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Conn. Retiring in 1993, she kept a private practice until 1999 and continued seeing patients until 2007. A gifted mezzo-soprano, she studied voice and sang in many productions and recitals as well as with a quartet at the First Congregational Church in Danbury. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by sons Robert and Charles, daughter Kathryn, and two grandchildren.

Jane Hyde Christopher, 78, of Atlanta, Ga., on September 16, 2008. After raising her three children, she became the director of alumni relations and annual giving for Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., in 1977. An active, loyal supporter of Middlebury, she served as class secretary, 25th reunion co-chair, national chairman of Annual Giving, and alumna trustee. In 1985 the College awarded her the Alumni Plaque Award for her many years of service. In retirement in Atlanta, she was involved with Presbyterian Homes, Georgia CASA (advocating for abused and neglected children), and CareShare Exchange, a service credit exchange for seniors. She is survived by husband Ted, daughter Susan '76, sons Chris '78 and David '83, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Donald '48 and sister-in-law Elaine Phillippi Hyde '48.

Robert F. Patterson Jr., 78, of Mt. Laurel, N.J., on September 9, 2008. A veteran of the Korean War, he received the Bronze Star for Valor. With a degree from MIT, he worked as an engineer for Lockheed Martin for many years. Predeceased by first wife Mary Ann (Donnelly), he is survived by wife Ellen (Holmes), daughters Linda Artley and Pamela Krasnigor, sons Robert, Stephen, and Mark, stepsons David and Juston, and 15 grandchildren.

John S. Zukowski, 87, of New London, Conn., on August 19, 2008. After serving in the Army during WWII, he finished his degree at Middlebury and went to work for U.S. Customs at the Port of New London as a customs inspector. After retiring in 1983, he pursued his interest in New England lighthouses and memorable battlegrounds of the Revolutionary War. Survivors include wife Adaline (Antonino) and daughter Marianne.

53 **W. Arlen Smith**, 76, of Craftsbury Common, Vt., on September 28, 2008. After serving his country with the Army in Korea, he operated his electrical and refrigeration business for 20 years in Stowe, Vt. In 1969 he became a director of the Union Bank and in 1979 was chosen to be president of the bank. In 1991 he retired as president and remained chairman of the board until 2003. He was active in many organizations and served on many boards in the community, including those of the local school, hospital, state college, and United Way. With a love of skiing, he was a member of the first paid ski patrol on Mt. Mansfield in the early 1950s. He is survived by wife Sally (Curran), sons Brian '83 and Eric, daughter Gretchen Dewan '83, and six grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Albert Smith '45 and nephew Mark Smith '75. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister-in-law Nancy Fitz Smith '47.

55 **Albert F. Gollnick Jr.**, 75, of Thetford Center, Vt., on October 5, 2008. After earning a BS and an MS from MIT in 1958, he continued working in aerospace research at MIT's Naval Supersonic Lab for the next 12 years. With a move to New York, he joined Goulds Pumps in Seneca Falls and was the head of the research and development laboratory. In retirement, he and his wife moved to Thetford where he became active in the Norwich Lions Club, the St. Barnabas Church, the Thetford Historical Society, and volunteered for the American Red Cross. Survivors include wife Alice (Brooke), and sons Stephen and Peter. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Albert '22, mother Hilda (Woodruff) '22, and uncles Ervin '25 and Walter '28 Gollnick.

58 **Leland T. Blodgett**, 72, of Montpelier, Vt., on October 19, 2008. After teaching high school history and geography for several years, he began his career with the Vermont Dept. of Employment and Training where he stayed until retirement. With a lifelong love of skiing, he spent several winters teaching the sport, and even taught skiing one summer in Australia. He was a devoted supporter of the College and especially of the cross-country and nordic teams, and in honor of his 50th reunion, he created a fund to provide special opportunities for the ski teams in perpetuity. Survivors include brother Putnam, nephews Peter and Boo, and nieces Sue Whitcomb and Patty Grant.

Peter H. Honegger, 74, of Georgetown, Mass., on October 12, 2008. Serving in the Army during the Vietnam War, he was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in the armored division. After working for Honeywell and Inflight Motion Pictures, he settled in Massachusetts and worked at N.E.C. Technologies in Natick. With a love for the theater, he performed as a young man and, in retirement, founded Busy Boy/Bad Boy Productions with his wife. He was also very active in the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport. He is survived by wife Lois (Burridge), and daughters Jennifer and Olivia. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Corinne Corrigan Daniels '81.

Joseph Lee III, 72, of Hanover, Mass., on August 26, 2008. After several years in the Army, he worked at Honeywell before entering Harvard Business School to earn an MBA. He then worked for P.R. Mallory. He was an avid sailor and also earned a black belt in karate. Predeceased by first wife Mary Anne (Relph), he is survived by sons Joseph and Jonathan, daughters Deborah, Kathi, and Caroly, and four grandchildren.

Roger S. Steeves, 72, of Wellesley, Mass., on September 16, 2008. After serving two years in the Army, he led a successful career in banking as a loan officer with Shawmut Bank and Bank of Boston. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Wellesley Club and was a longtime supporter and board member of the Walker Home and School. Survivors include wife Martha (Howard), son Howard, daughter Jane, and two grandchildren.

59 **Cynthia June Chase**, 71, of Danbury, Conn., on October 12, 2008. For many years she taught French and Spanish in the

IN MEMORIAM

William Harris

JANUARY 20, 1926–
FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Professor Emeritus of Classics, William Harris, 83, passed away on February 22, 2009.

In 1956, he joined the faculty at Middlebury College and he retired in 1988.

He is survived by his wife Min Harris and two sons James and John Harris.

Ridgefield (Conn.) school system, and later in East Ridge, Conn., until her retirement. She is survived by son Mark and daughter Janet. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Janet Stainton June '33. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother David '63 and wife Carol (Gillen) '66, and niece Rebecca June Tefas '96.

62 **Adam F. Wechsler**, 67, of Los Angeles, Calif., on October 1, 2008. He was the assistant chief of neurology at Wadsworth VA Hospital and emeritus professor of neurology at UCLA Medical School, where for many years he served on the admissions committee. Survivors include sons Daniel and Neil, and three grandchildren.

69 **Edward G. Bailey**, 63, of Merrimack, N.H., on September 29, 2008. Fluent in numerous languages, he was teaching English as a Second Language at Nashua (N.H.) North High School at the time of his death. He is survived by daughter Emelie and son James.

71 **Andrew M. Yasinski**, 59, of Las Cruces, N.M., on October 1, 2008. Earning a master's in hospital administration from Duke Univ., he worked in health-care institutions for 20 years. In 1985, he moved with his family to New Mexico where he earned a master's in education from New Mexico State Univ. He then spent many years as a devoted teacher to special education children and at-risk youth. He is survived by wife Carolyn (McDowell), son Bill, daughter Stephanie LeBlanc, and five grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father William '35 and uncle Harold Yasinski '38. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother James Yasinski '75, sister Cynthia Tenner '81 and her husband, James Tenner '81.

90 **Philip W. Mahoney**, 40, of Fitchburg, Mass., on November 11, 2008. In 1994, he earned his master's in Irish literature and culture from Boston College and in 2002 he earned an MBA from the UMass Isenberg School of Business Management. He was employed by the Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boston as an analyst and had previously worked for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Survivors include wife Nicole (L'Ecuyer), and daughters Mary and Elizabeth.

MASTER'S

46 **Helen Ross Patterson**, 86, MS Chemistry, of Shelburne, Vt., on November 28, 2008. After working as a research assistant, she became a full-time community volunteer, particularly dedicating her time to fighting discrimination against minorities and children. After retiring to Middlebury with her husband, she discovered a gift for writing poetry. Predeceased by son William, she is survived by husband W. Bradford Patterson, daughters Rebecca Bruns '72 and Linda Patterson, son Stuart, and many grandchildren including Nathan Jandl '05.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

40 **Ruth A. Huzzard**, 104, MA English, of Spring City, Pa., on July 31, 2008. The first woman to graduate from the Univ. of Pennsylvania in 1925, she majored in English. She taught English at various high schools in New Jersey and Delaware before teaching 23 years at Princeton (N.J.) High School.

47 **Anne Marzucco Baccari**, 102, MA Italian, of Newtown Square, Pa., on August 28, 2008. She taught languages at South Philadelphia High School for more than 40 years. She and her husband were honored by the Italian government for fostering Italian culture.

48 **Mary P. Thompson**, 101, MA Spanish, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on September 12, 2008. Having taught Spanish and French in several public school districts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, in 1987 she received the annual award for Outstanding Service and Leadership by the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

50 **Marian Ruth Davis**, 98, MA Spanish, of St. Petersburg, Fla., on October 22, 2008. A teacher in the Easton (Pa.) Area School District for 35 years, she retired from Easton High School where she taught Spanish.

58 **Irene M. Bergal**, 79, MA French, of Fayetteville, Ark., on July 19, 2008. She was a retired associate professor of French at the Univ. of Arkansas.

64 **Carol Buchholz Taylor**, 70, MA English, formerly of Concord, Mass., on July 10, 2008. After teaching high school English for several years, she earned a master's in library science from Simmons College in Boston and served 25 years as the head of technical services at the Concord Public Library.

65 Fr. **Edward J. O'Malley**, 74, MA Spanish, of Manhattan, Ill., on November 2, 2008. Ordained in 1960, he taught 10 years at St. Jude Seminary in Momence, Ill., before serving as associate pastor and pastor at several different churches, including 16 years as pastor at St. Joseph Church in Manhattan.

70 **Gloria Dillon Madigan**, 82, MA French, of Carey, N.C., on October 2, 2008. After entering the Daughters of Wisdom religious order, she taught in several schools run by the sisters. After 23 years, she left the nuns and taught English at Huntington (N.Y.) High School.

John H. West, 66, MA English, of Chichester, N.H., on July 26, 2008. A middle school English teacher, he taught three years in Gorham, N.H., and 34 years at Rundlett Junior High School in Concord, N.H.

72 **Waltraut Lapp Witte**, 89, MA German, of Leicester, N.C., on June 24, 2008. She taught foreign languages at Mt. Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vt., for many years. She served as president of the National Council of Catholic Women and spent many hours organizing food drives and sending care packages to the hungry and needy in the world.

88 **John P. Krpicak**, 47, MA English, of Youngstown, Ohio, on February 1, 2007. He had been a teacher in the Youngstown school system and a limited service professor at Youngstown State Univ.

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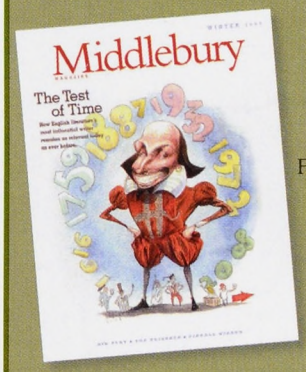

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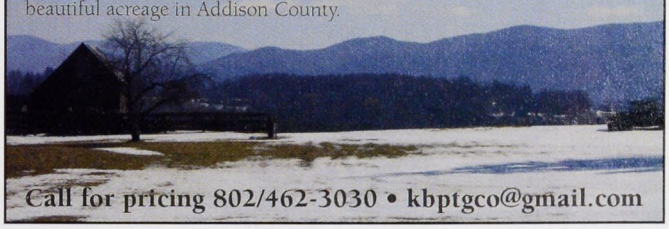

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When Worlds Collide

How does a liberal arts education affect life on the farm?

By Gary Johnson '73

I BUTCHERED THREE SHEEP TODAY.

What does this mean to me as a man educated in liberal arts at Middlebury?

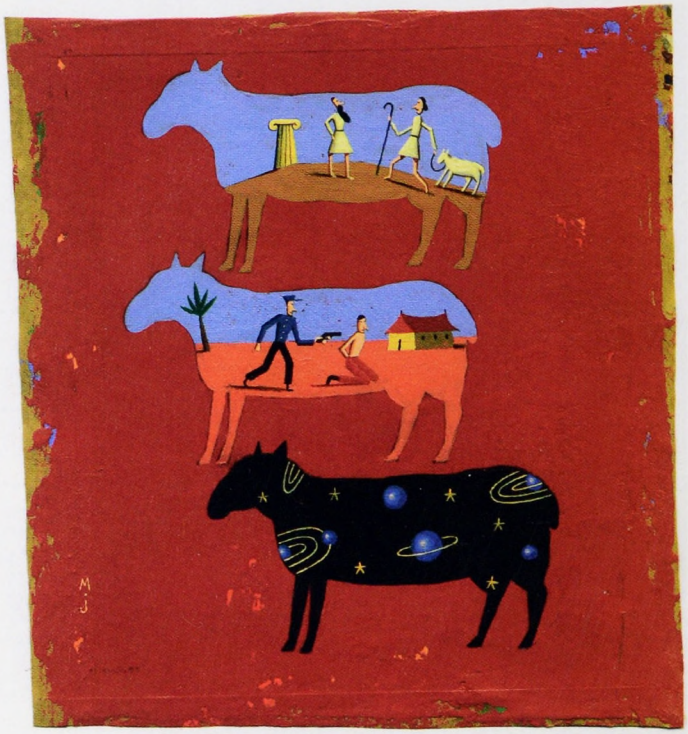
I had a .32-caliber pistol. I straddled the shoulders of the first sheep, kept its head steady by holding the ears, and then shot it through the skull. What was I thinking?

Strangely, I remembered sitting in Howard Munford's winter term class on Robert Frost. I remembered feeling sorry for Frost that he couldn't split a pile of cordwood without waxing metaphysical or cosmic. I wondered how he carried that burden every day.

As I rolled the sheep over, I flashed to the iconic picture from the Associated Press of the South Vietnamese colonel, his arm leveled across the frame of the photo, as he executed a Vietcong suspect. He, too, had a small pistol in his hand.

I actually thought of Joseph Campbell's premises that the basic question of being human is not, "Who am I?" but rather, "Why does something have to die, in order that something else might live?"

Middlebury has a part in the last two of these reflections. The first takes me back to the national trauma of the Vietnam War and the three-day student strike at the College during the Cambodian bombings. And then to the December night that all the 19-year-olds gathered in Proctor to watch the first draft lottery on television.



The second reflection places me in the folklore class of Horace Beck, and then in his office as he reviewed my senior thesis, which was based on interviews with people who had grown up on isolated farms way back in the hills surrounding Ripton and Bread Loaf.

As I open the belly of the sheep with my knife, I imagine a Vermont hill farmer predicting the coming winter based on the size of the spleen. Or a Greek shepherd bringing a lamb to the oracle at Delphi, seeking a vision of the world beyond as the organs sputter and smoke on the altar.

I cut around the genitals, and the scene from *Light in August* when the posse castrates the body of Joe Christmas, is suddenly visceral and tactile. Then I imagine myself bent over another slaughtered carcass in the stockyards of *The Jungle*. My hands are covered in blood.

I wash out the empty cavity with a hose (I am reminded of "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner" by Randall Jarrell). I wonder if the hillside where I live once saw flocks of sheep in the decades of the late 1800s, when sheep were the principal animal roaming the pastures of the Northeast Kingdom (Vermont history with Professor Jacobs).

Has a liberal arts education prepared me for such complex acts of life . . . and death? My liberal arts education suspends me between the abstract world and the real world—not unlike the Greek shepherd. As an educated man, do I carry out this act at a deeper level? Maybe. Do I say a prayer over the sheep, as did the Hebrew Abraham, or as Ishi, the Yahi Indian? No.

As I begin to peel back the fleece, the white muscle sheath crackles. I am inclined to think that I, like Macbeth, like all of us, "am in blood stepped in so far . . . that returning were as tedious as go o'er" (Professor Cubeta's Shakespeare class).

The act of sacrifice is an essential act of living. And yet, does my education connect me to this common human experience, or does it reveal the detachment I have achieved as an educated man?

Gary Johnson '73 lives in Irasburg, Vermont.

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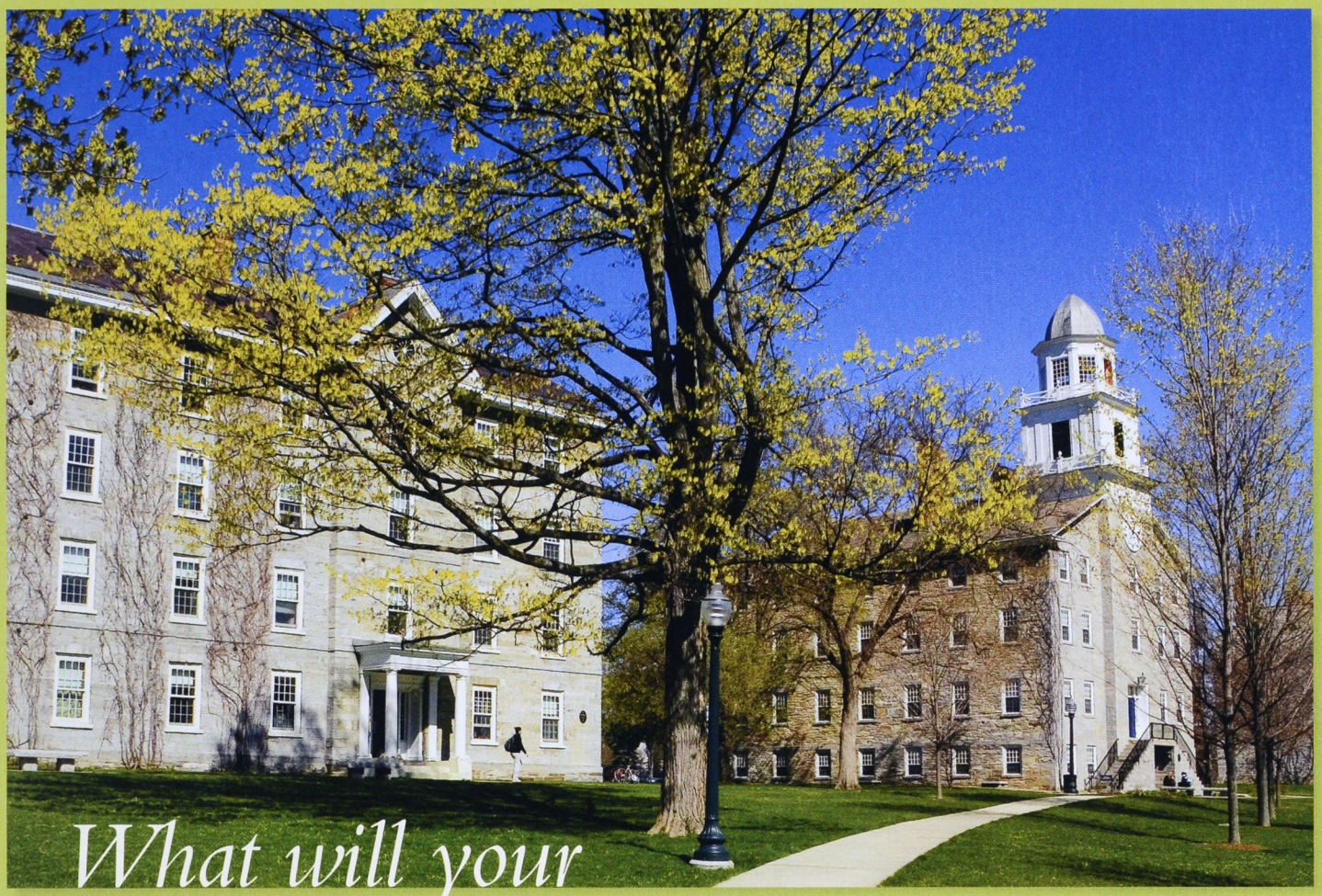

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